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*Anomalies in rare  
b decays - a review*

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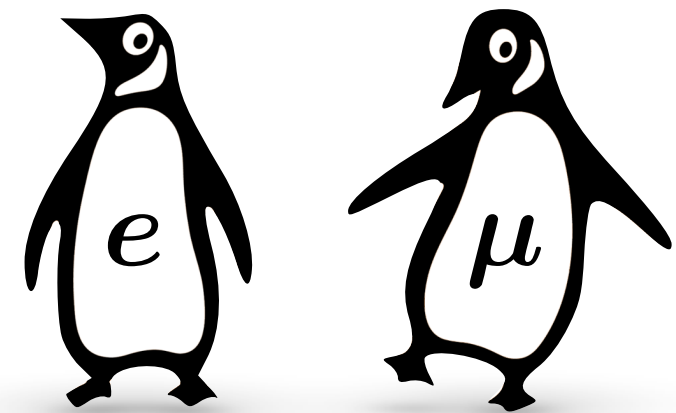
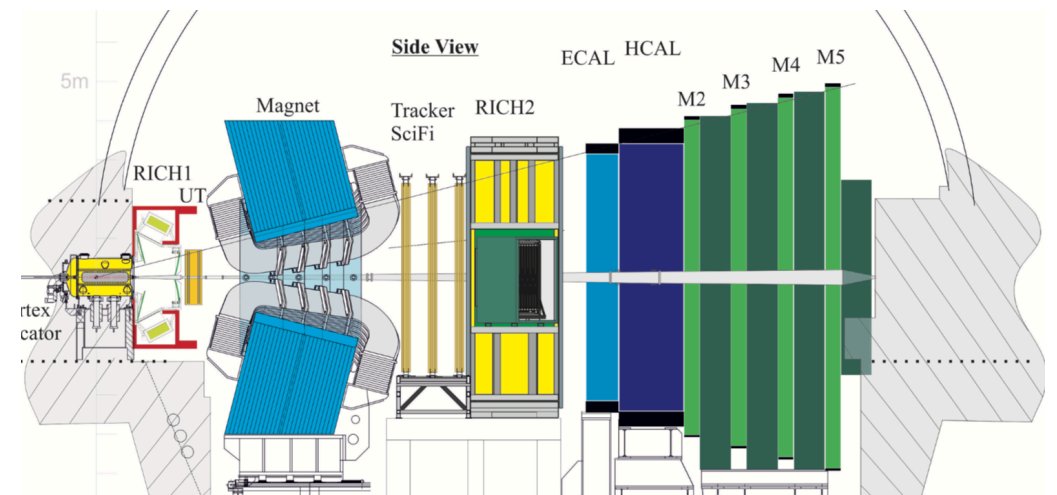
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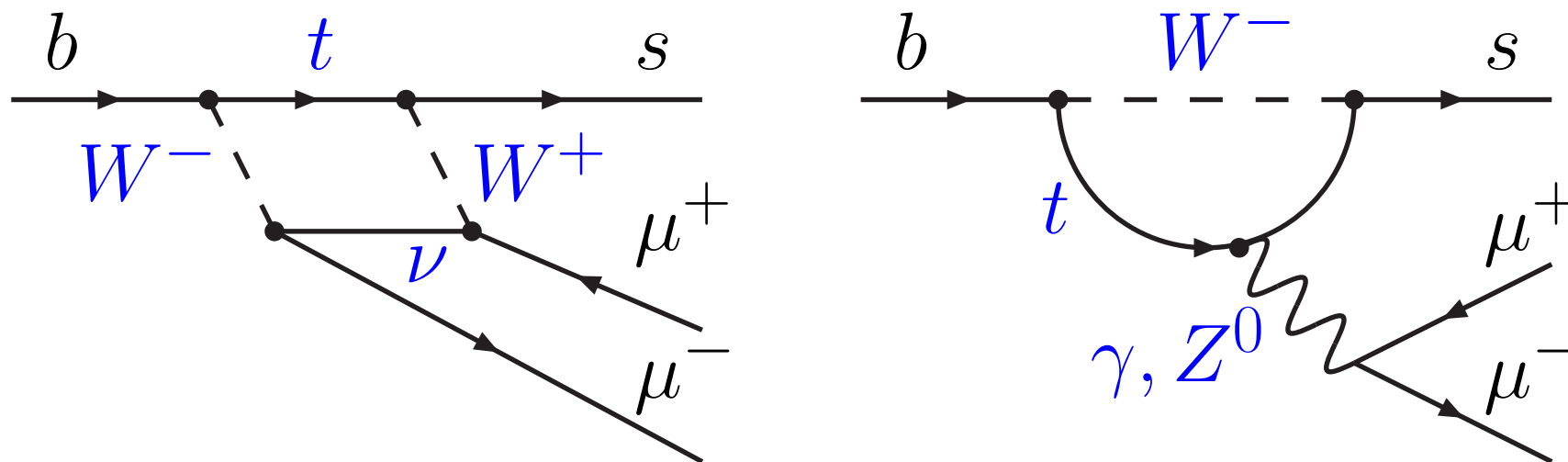
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# Outline

- Rare B decays to search for NP
  - Effective approach
  - Energy scale
- $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  at LHCb
  - $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  and  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  branching ratios
  - $B^0 \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$  angular analysis
- Lepton Universality tests
  - Electrons vs muons at LHCb
  - Experimental results ( $R_K, R_{K^*}, R_{pK}$ )
- Prospects
  - $B^0 \rightarrow K^*e^+e^-$  angular analysis
  - With Run 2 data on tape
  - With upcoming upgrade

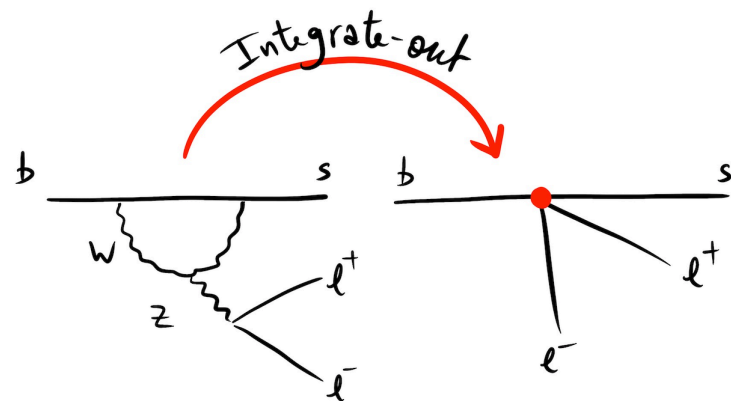


# $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ transitions



- $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$  is a golden channel
  - Flavour-changing  $b \rightarrow s$  neutral current
  - Forbidden at tree-level in SM  $\rightarrow$  BR of  $10^{-6} - 10^{-10}$
  - New physics contribution can be same order as SM

# Energy scale



Effective-Hamiltonian approach

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i C_i O_i + \text{h.c.}$$

NP enters here  
 $C_i = C_i^{\text{SM}} + C_i^{\text{NP}}$

Operator encoding  
 Lorentz structure

- $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  is loop and CKM suppressed in the SM
- New physics may share these features or not  
 $\rightarrow$  different energy reach

$$\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \times \sqrt{|C_{9,10}^{\text{NP}}|} \sim \begin{cases} \frac{4\pi \sqrt{2} M_W}{ge \sqrt{|V_{tb} V_{ts}^*|}} = 36 \text{ TeV} & (\text{generic tree level}), \\ \frac{\sqrt{2} M_W}{e \sqrt{|V_{tb} V_{ts}^*|}} = 2 \text{ TeV} & (\text{weak loop}), \\ \sqrt{2} M_W / e = 400 \text{ GeV} & (\text{MFV, weak loop}). \end{cases}$$

$\rightarrow$  more on the interpretation of  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  in Aritra Biswas talk



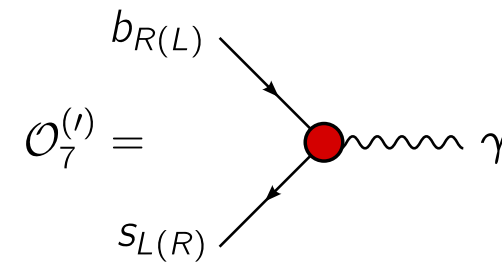
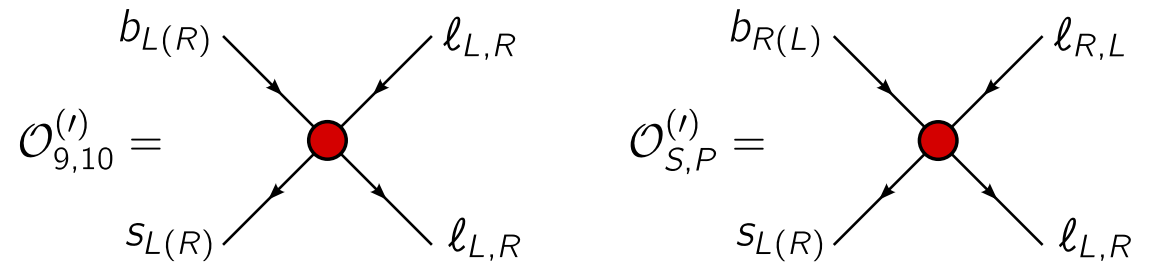
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## Relevant dimension-6 operators:

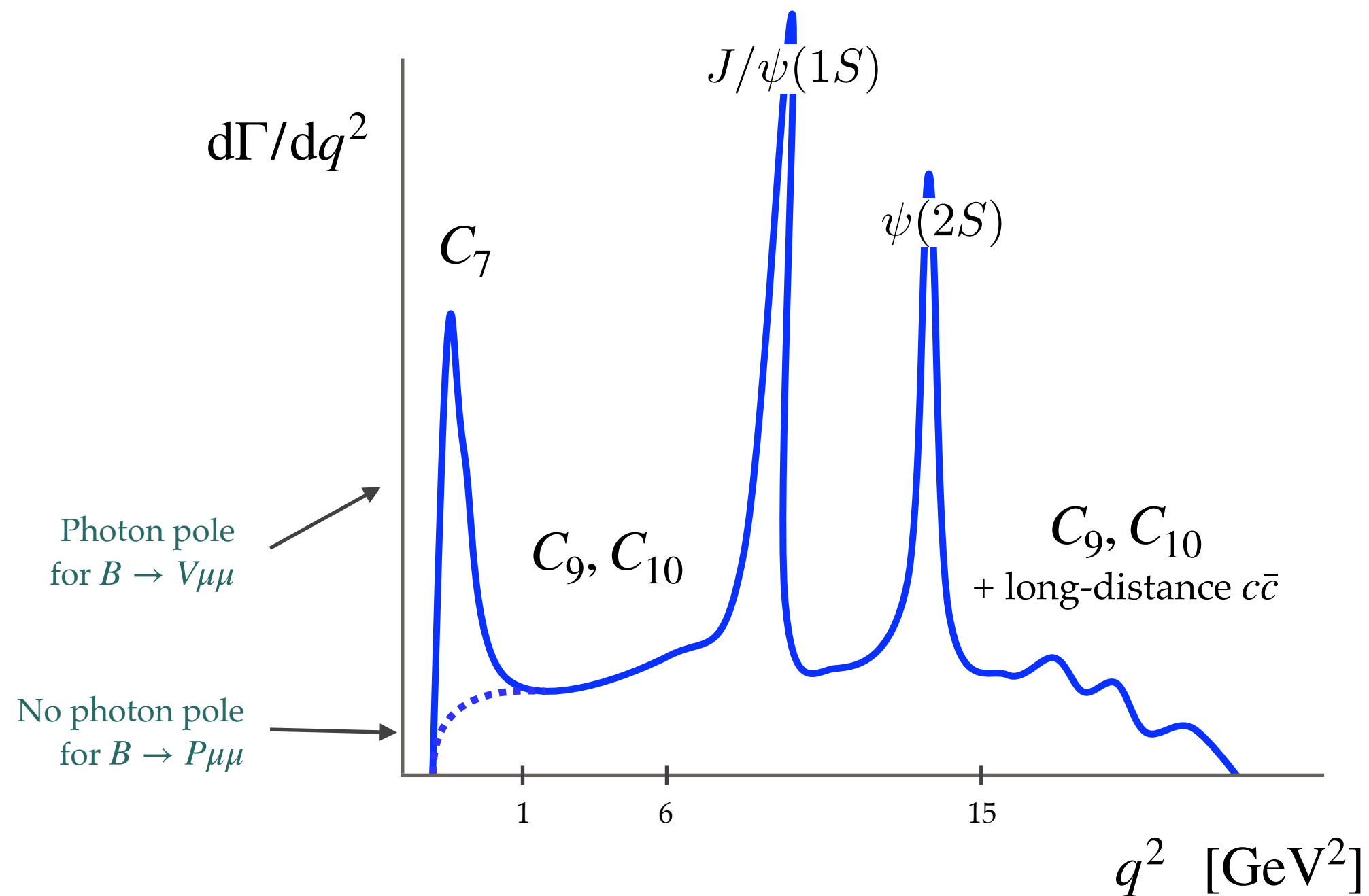
- Four-quark operators  
(entering through hadronic effects)
- Dipole operators  $C_7^{(\prime)}$   
(constrained by radiative decays)
- Semi-leptonic operators  $C_9^{(\prime)}, C_{10}^{(\prime)}$   
→ main interest for NP searches

courtesy of D.Straub



Decay	$C_7^{(\prime)}$	$C_9^{(\prime)}$	$C_{10}^{(\prime)}$	$C_{S,P}^{(\prime)}$
$B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$	X			
$B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$	X			
$B \rightarrow X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$	X	X	X	
$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell^+ \ell^-$	X	X	X	
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$			X	X

# $q^2$ spectrum

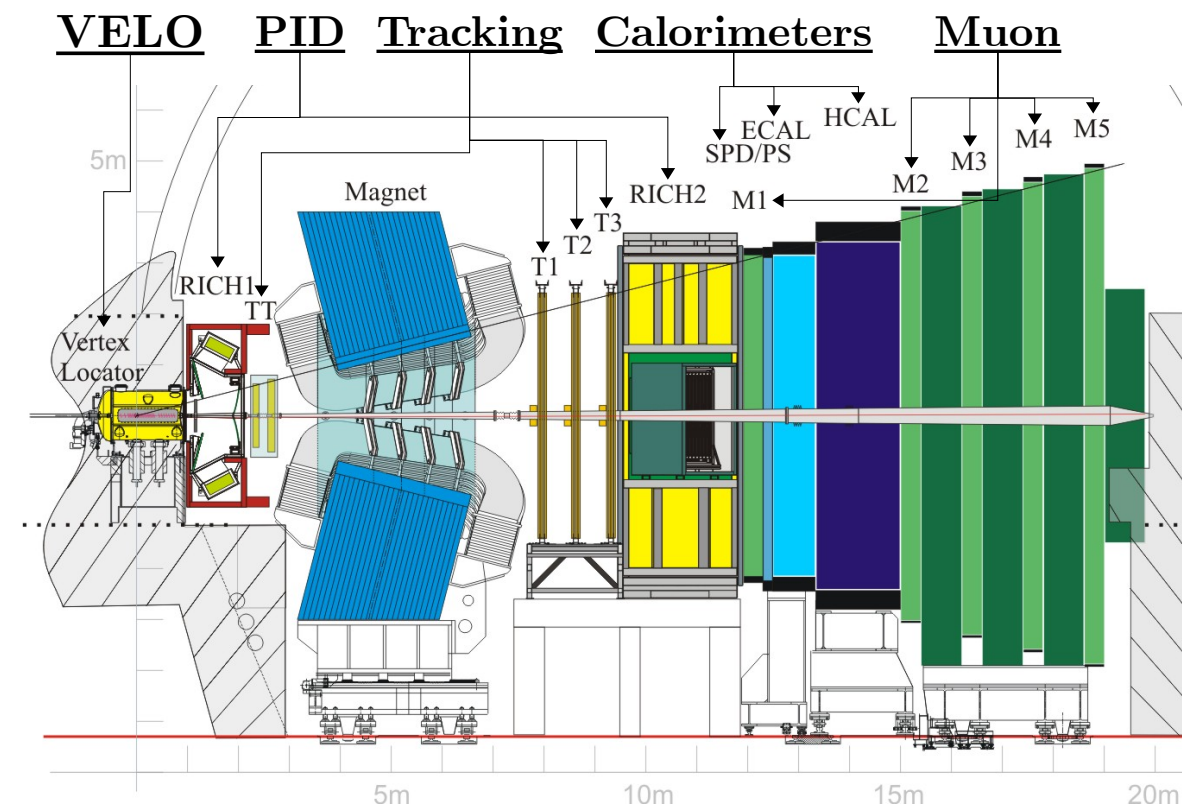


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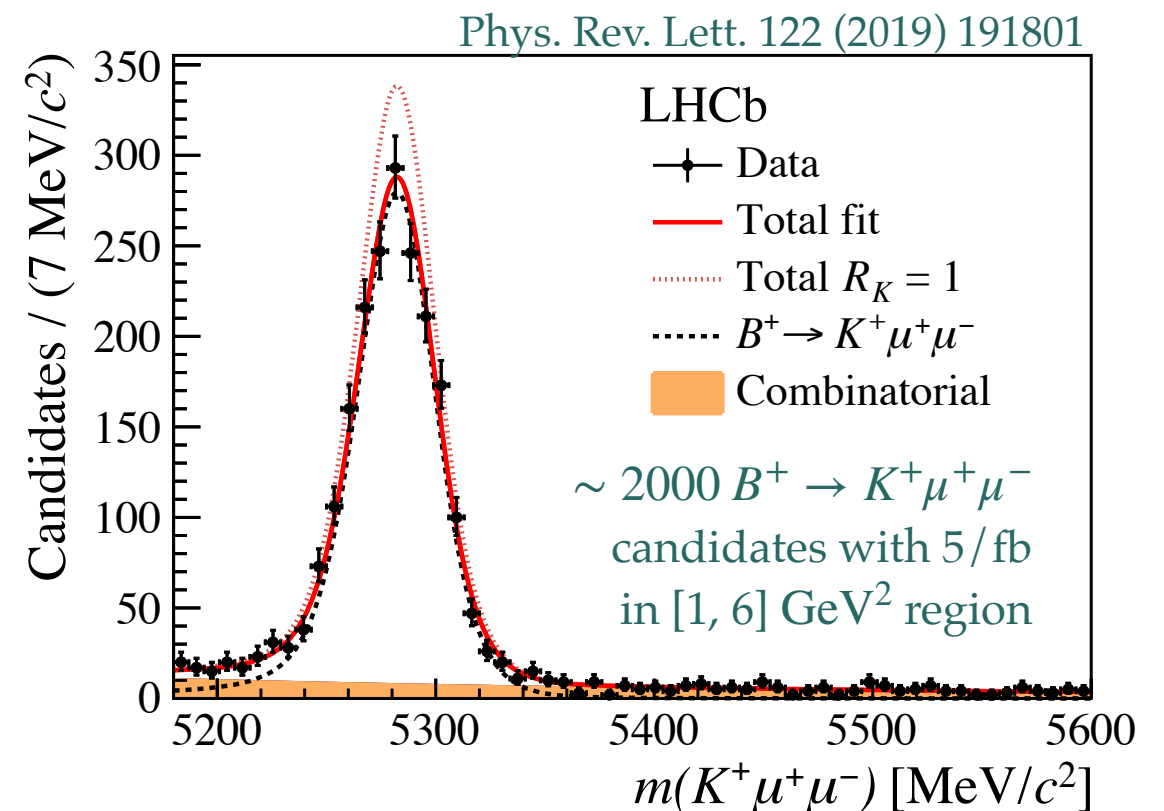
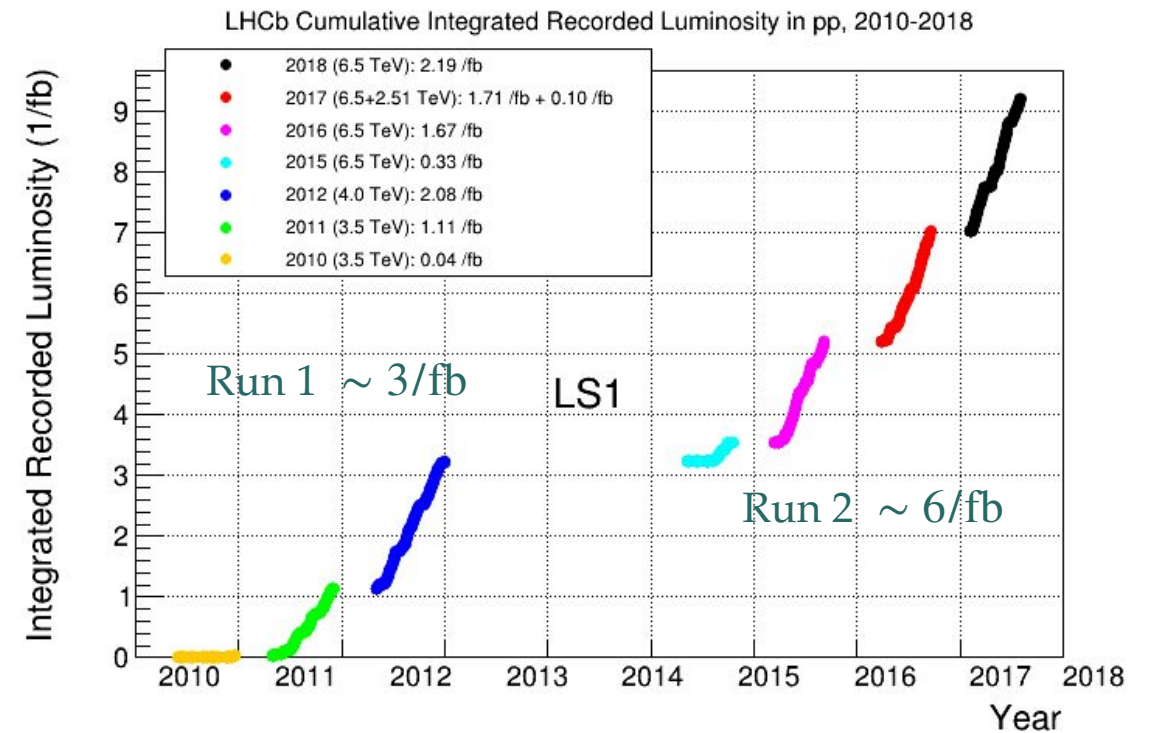
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- LHC  $pp$  collisions at 7-13 TeV
  - Huge  $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}X$  cross-section of order mb
  - Large background  $\sigma(\text{inelastic}) \simeq 200\sigma(b\bar{b})$
- LHCb optimised to select  $b$ -hadrons
  - In the forward region of  $pp$  collisions
    - Where most of  $b\bar{b}$  are produced
  - Low- $p_T$  triggers with calo and muon-ch.
    - Running at lower luminosity w.r.t. ATLAS/CMS
  - Identify displaced  $b$ -hadron vertex
    - Leveraging large boost in forward region
  - Precise momenta with spectrometer
    - Separate partially reconstructed  $b$ -hadron decays



# The LHCb experiment

- Excellent performance in LHC Run 1 and 2
  - About  $10^{12}$   $b\bar{b}$  in the acceptance
  - Recorded world-largest sample of  $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  decays

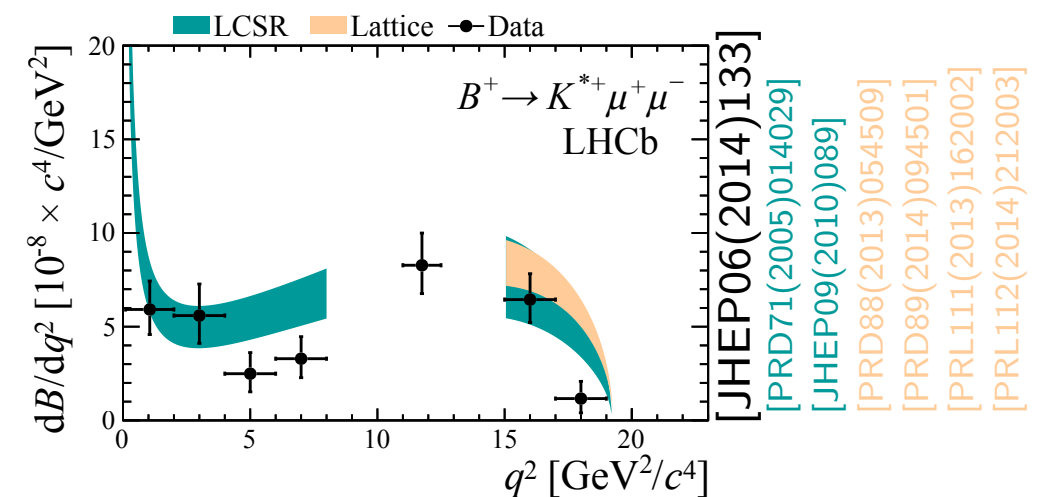
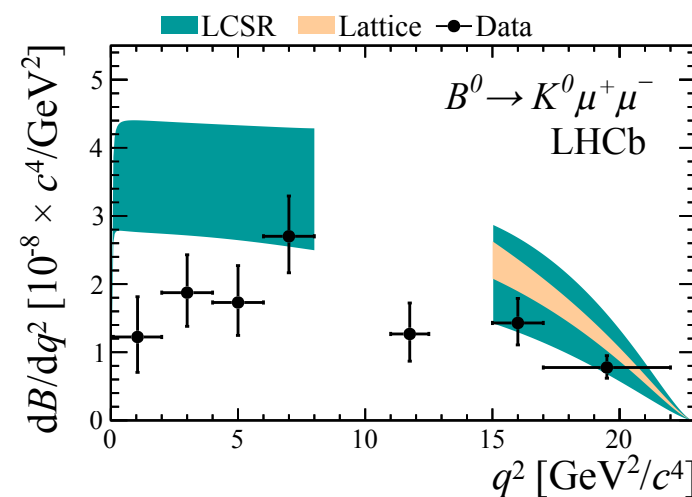
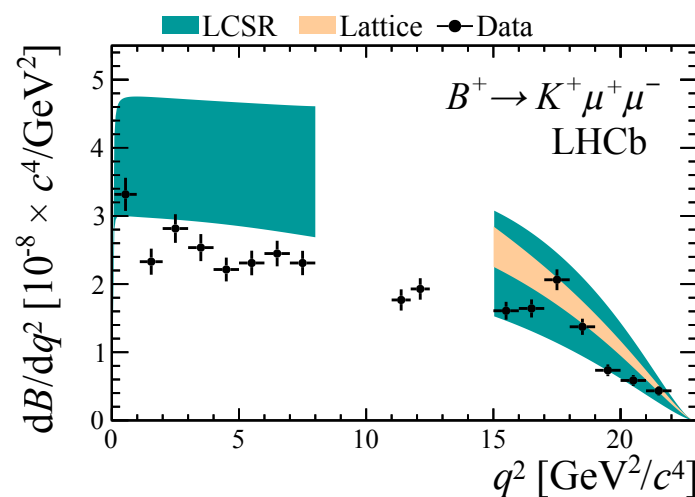
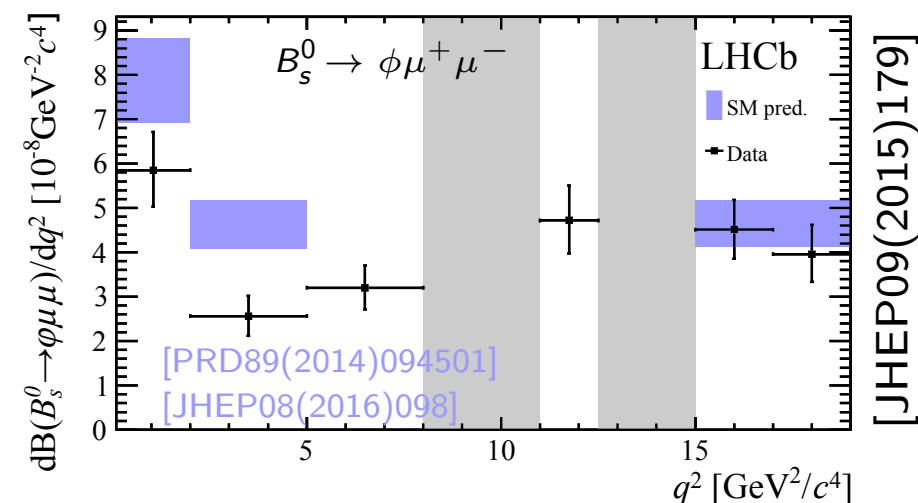
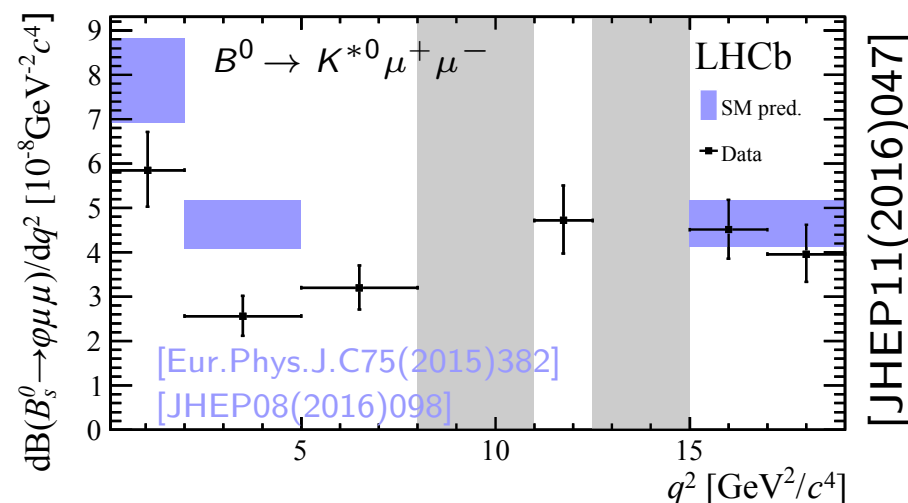


# *Anomalies in $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$*

# Branching ratio measurements

$dB/dq^2$  in exclusive  $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$  seems to undershoot SM predictions

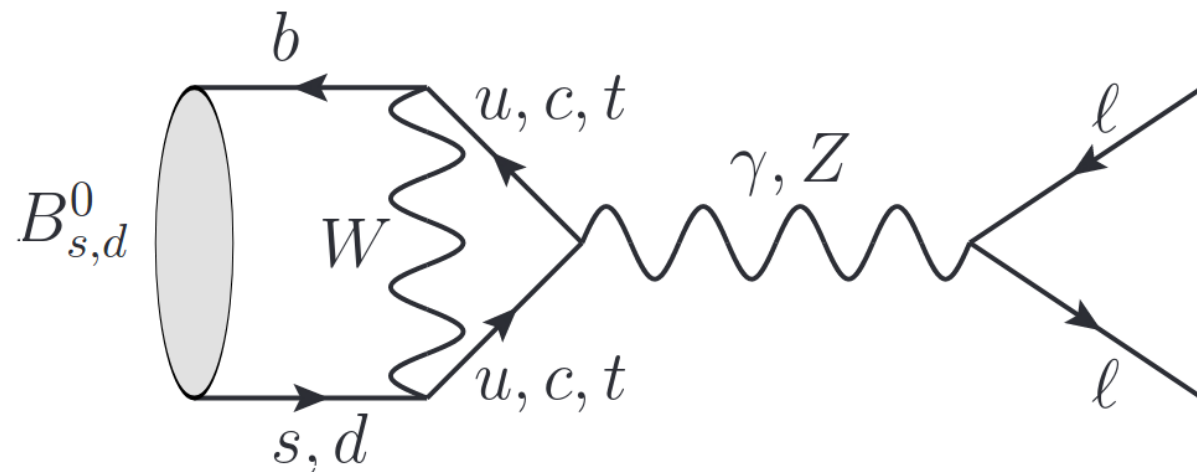
- Theory uncertainties  $\sim 20\text{-}30\%$  (hadronic form factors)
- Pattern is coherent, but predictions uncertainties are correlated
- Inclusive  $B \rightarrow X_s \mu \mu$  measurement very hard at LHCb



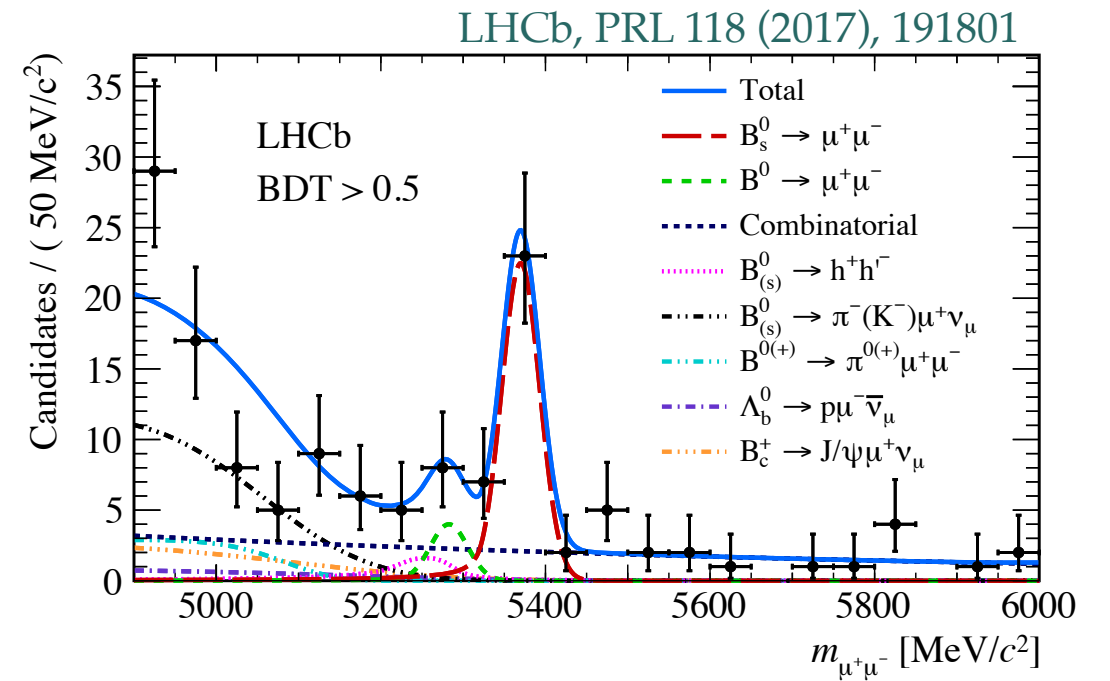
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$$B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$



+ box diagram with neutrinos



- Purely leptonic  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  decay
  - Same diagrams as  $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$  (rotated)
  - Much smaller BR because of helicity suppression
  - More precise predictions because of  $\mu \mu$  final state
  - Theoretically clean probe of  $C_{10}$  Wilson coefficient
    - Will be a key player to understand the anomalies in the near future

# $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ LHC combination

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- Latest BR predictions have precision at 4-5% level:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (1.03 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-10}$$

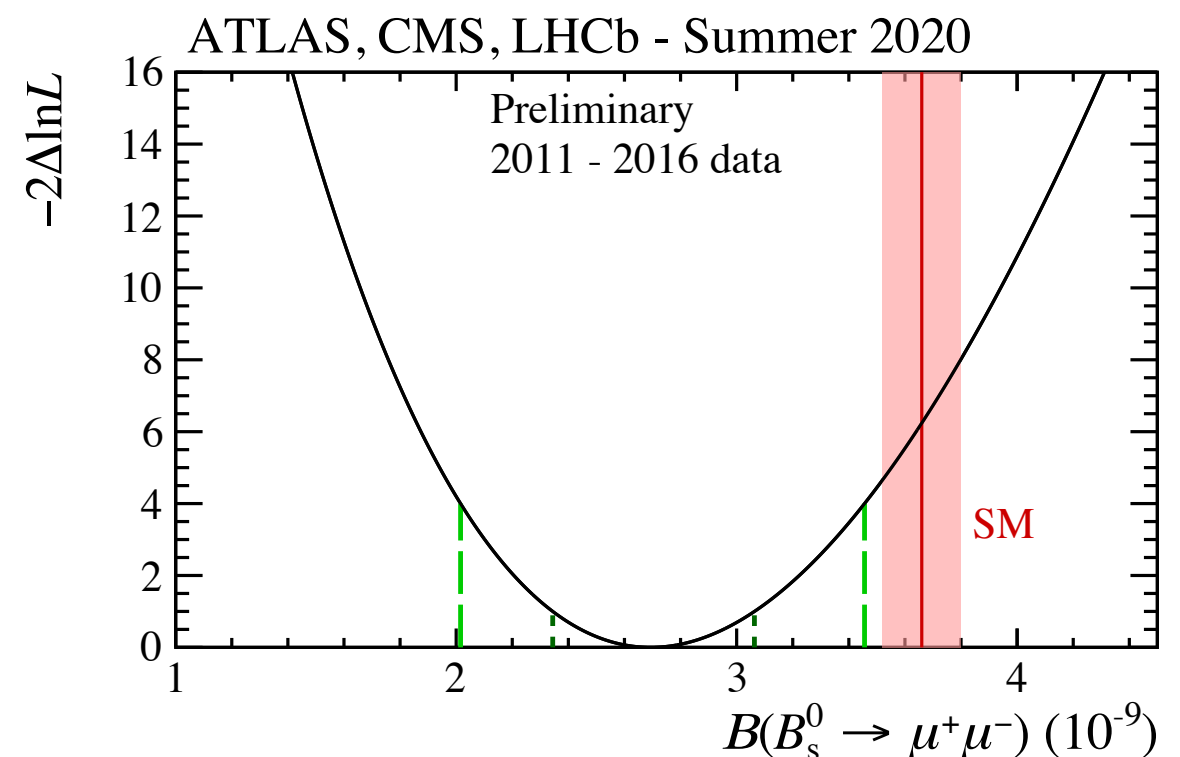
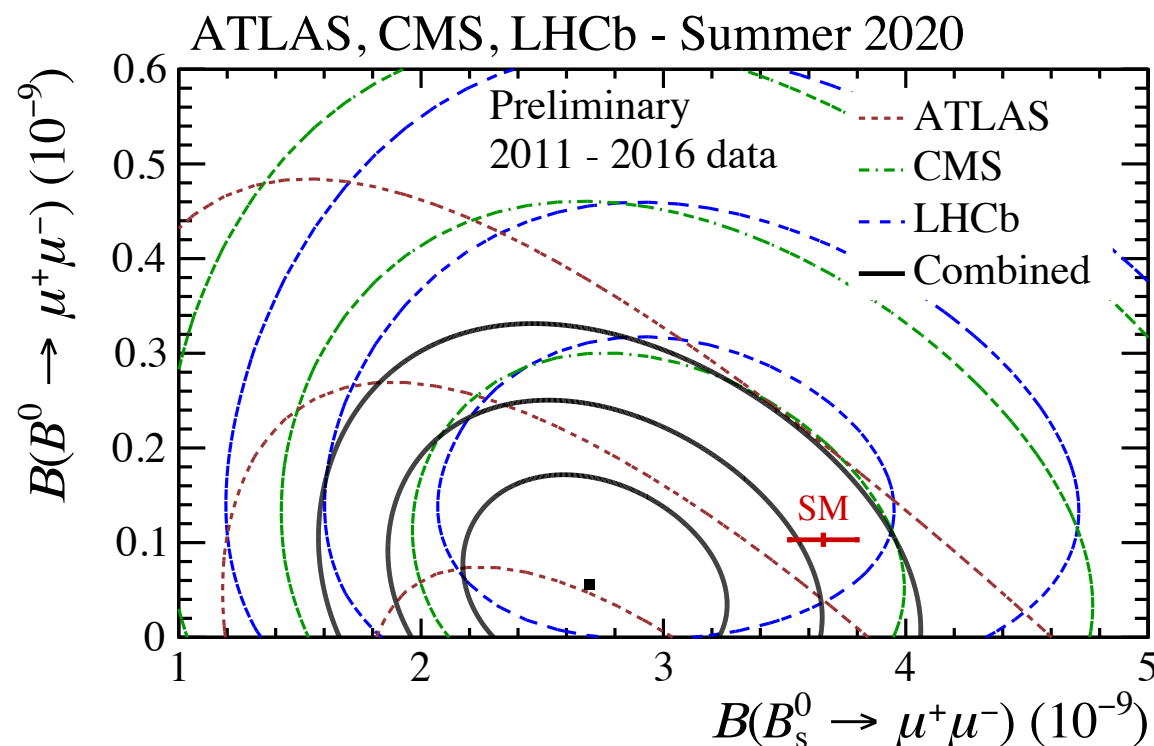
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- ATLAS+CMS+LHCb combination:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.69^{+0.37}_{-0.35}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.9 \times 10^{-10} \text{ at 95\% CL}$$

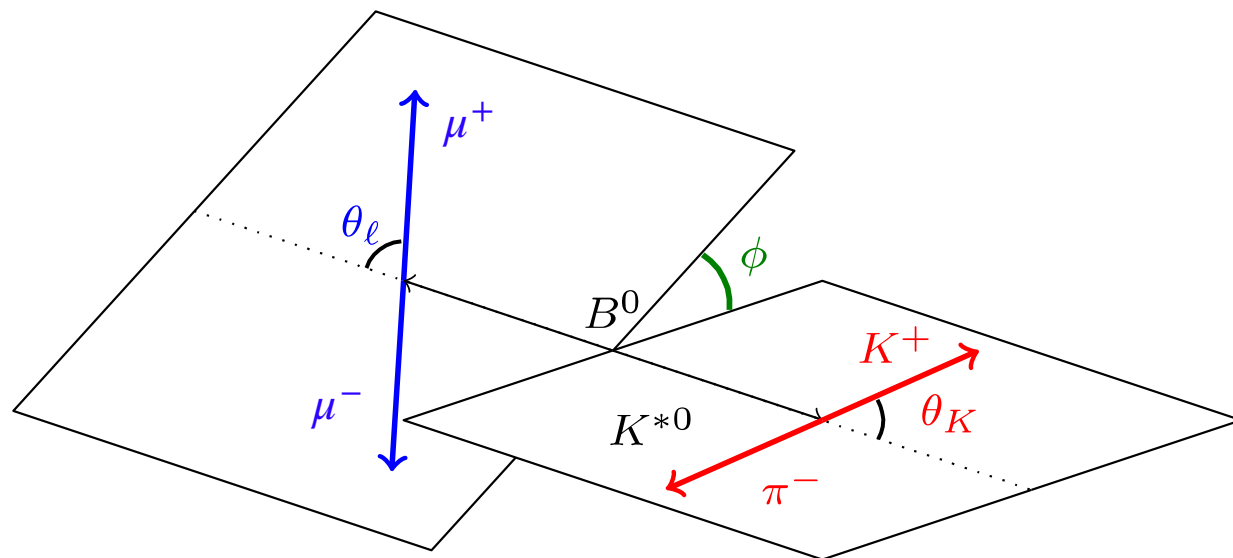
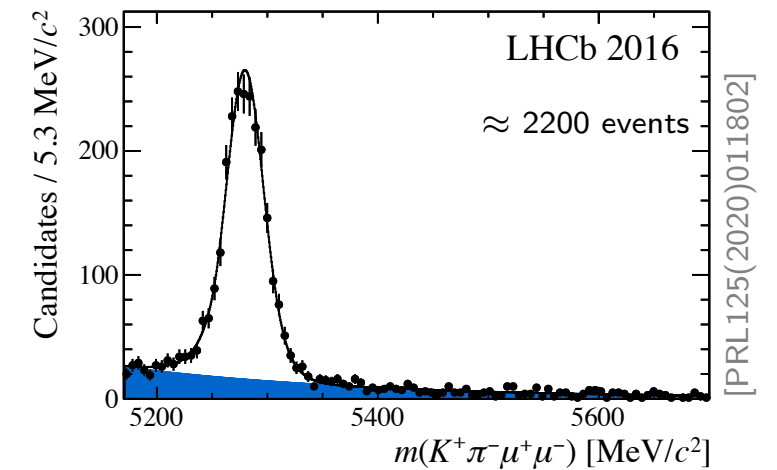
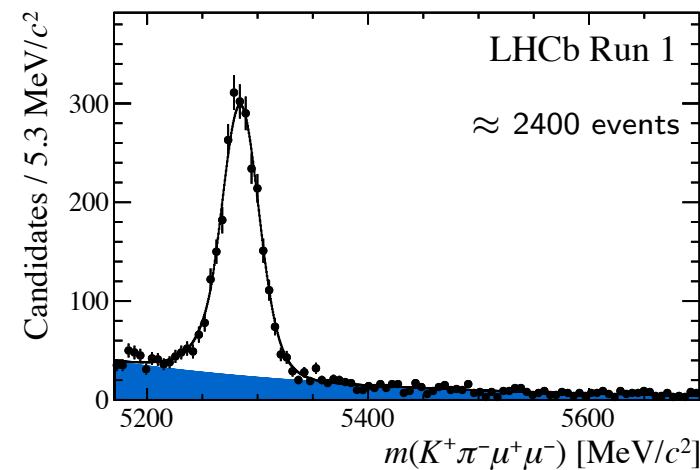
**2.1 $\sigma$  deviation**  
compatible with  
other anomalies



# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ angular analysis

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- $B^0 \rightarrow K^*(K^+ \pi^-) \mu^+ \mu^-$  gives 4-particle final state with rich structure
- Angular analysis in fine bins of  $q^2$  performed with 6/fb (~4600 signal candidates)
- Kinematics defined by 3 angles
  - Complicated description



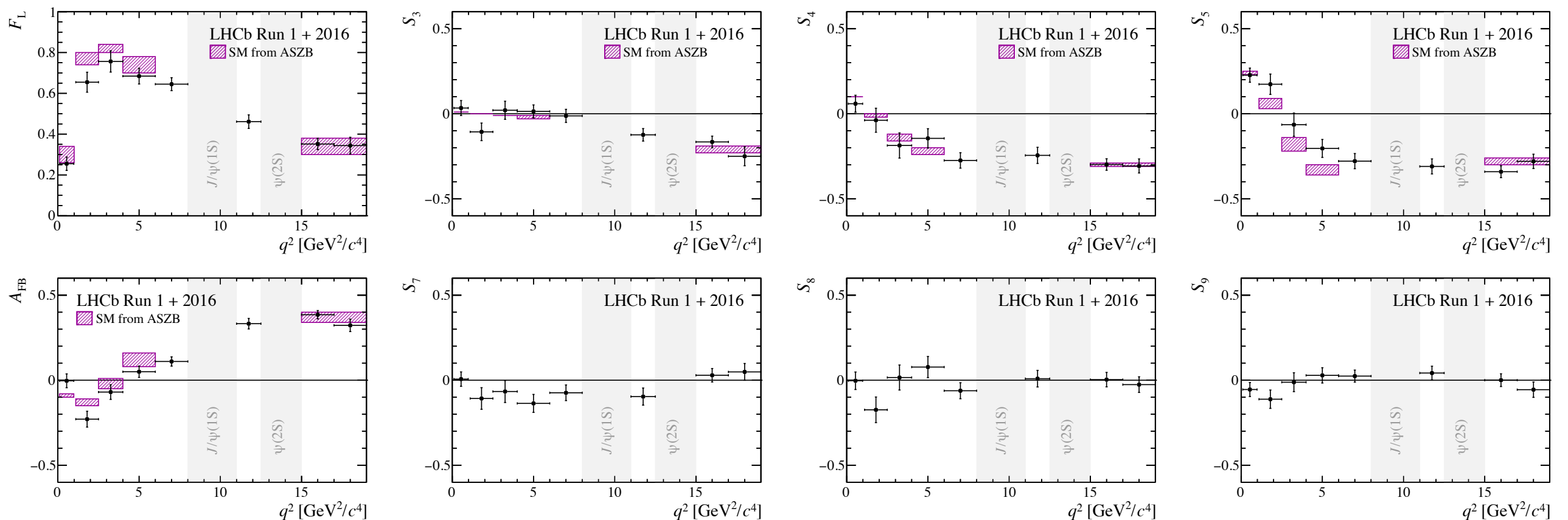
$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^4(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{dq^2 d \cos \theta_K d \cos \theta_L d \phi} =$$

$$\frac{9}{32\pi} \left[ \begin{aligned} &\frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K && + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \\ &+ \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_L && - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_L \\ &+ S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_L \cos 2\phi && + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_L \cos \phi \\ &+ S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_L \cos \phi && + \frac{3}{4} A_{FB} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_L \\ &+ S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_L \sin \phi && + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_L \sin \phi \\ &+ S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_L \sin 2\phi \end{aligned} \right]$$

# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ angular analysis

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- Measure 8 angular observables in 8  $q^2$  bins
- Deviations at 1-2 sigma level observed in some observables  
→ is it simply look-elsewhere effect?

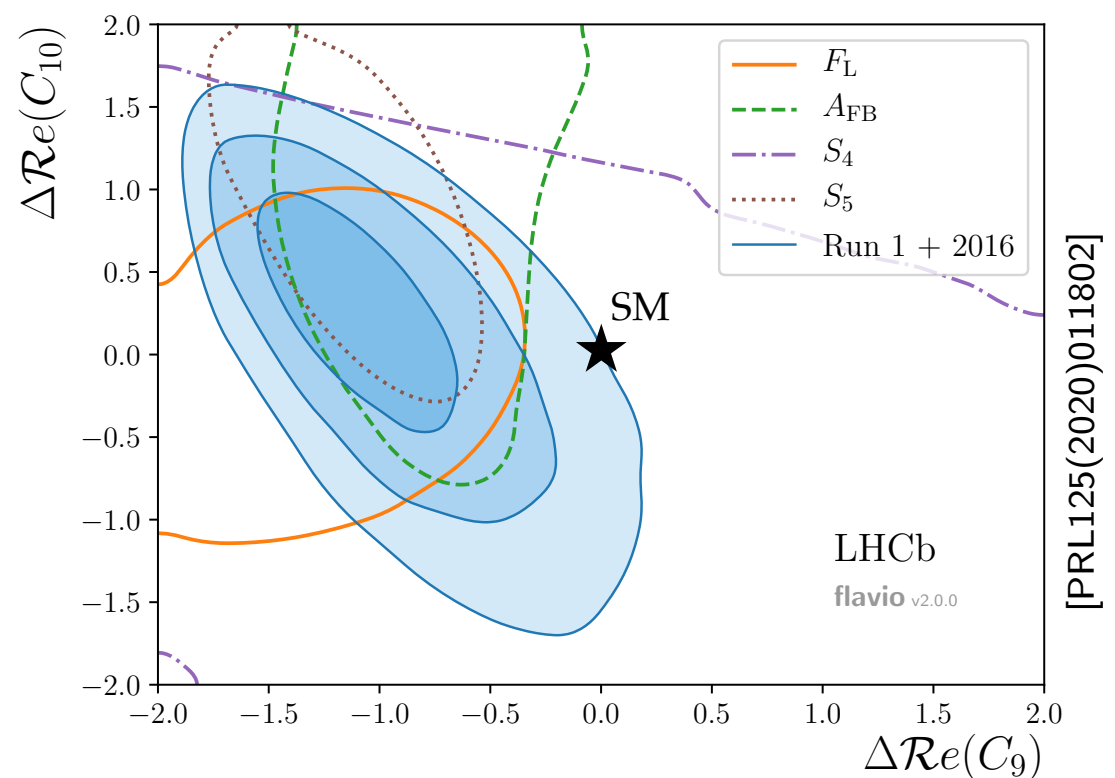
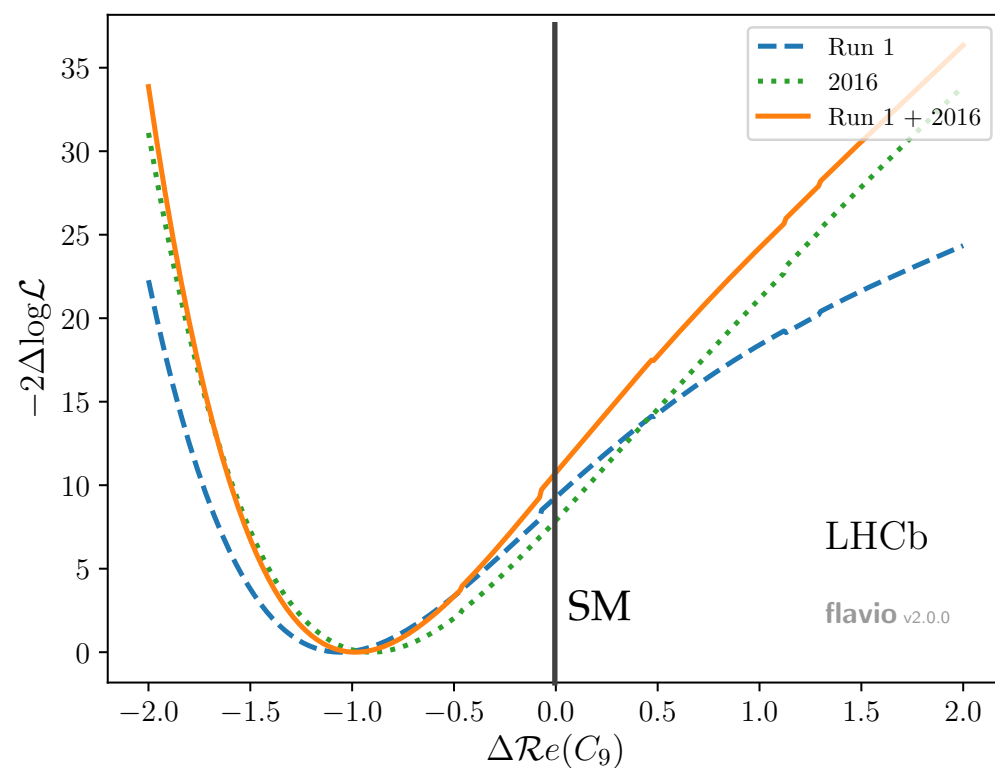


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# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ angular analysis

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- Global fit of Wilson coefficients seems to indicate a pattern
- Deviations are best explained by a shift in  $C_9$ 
  - They agree between Run 1 and 2016 data
  - Different observables give a coherent picture



- Community has critical look on  $c\bar{c}$  loop mimicking NP effect in  $C_9$

Ciuchini et al NPPP 285–286 (2017) 45–49

# *Lepton universality tests*

# LU test in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ : $\mu$ vs $e$

- Can use  $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  to test for LU-violating effects of New Physics
- Rare  $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  with  $\ell = \tau$  are not observed yet
- Can compare BR with  $\ell = \mu$  and  $e$ :
$$\mathcal{R}_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu \mu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} e e)}$$
  - LU QCD uncertainties completely cancels in the ratio
  - Largest uncertainty remaining is 1% due to QED corrections (taken into account with PHOTOS, but with approximations)  
Bordone, Isidori, Patteri EPJC(2016)76:440
- Previous tests at B-factories not very sensitive
- LHCb has much better sensitivity, but electrons challenging
  - Selection, bremsstrahlung, resolution, modelling



# $e^+e^-$ at LHCb: Selection

## • **Electrons at LHCb:**

- Being light, they are produced in a plethora of decay channels
- **Trigger** on large  $e^\pm/h^\pm$  energy deposit on calorimeters
- **Electron ID** relies on calorimeter for suppression of  $\pi$  mis-ID
- Large **combinatorial background**: machine-learning based classification using kinematics info and isolation

## • Muons trigger and ID is easier

- Selection more efficient by factor  $\sim 3$

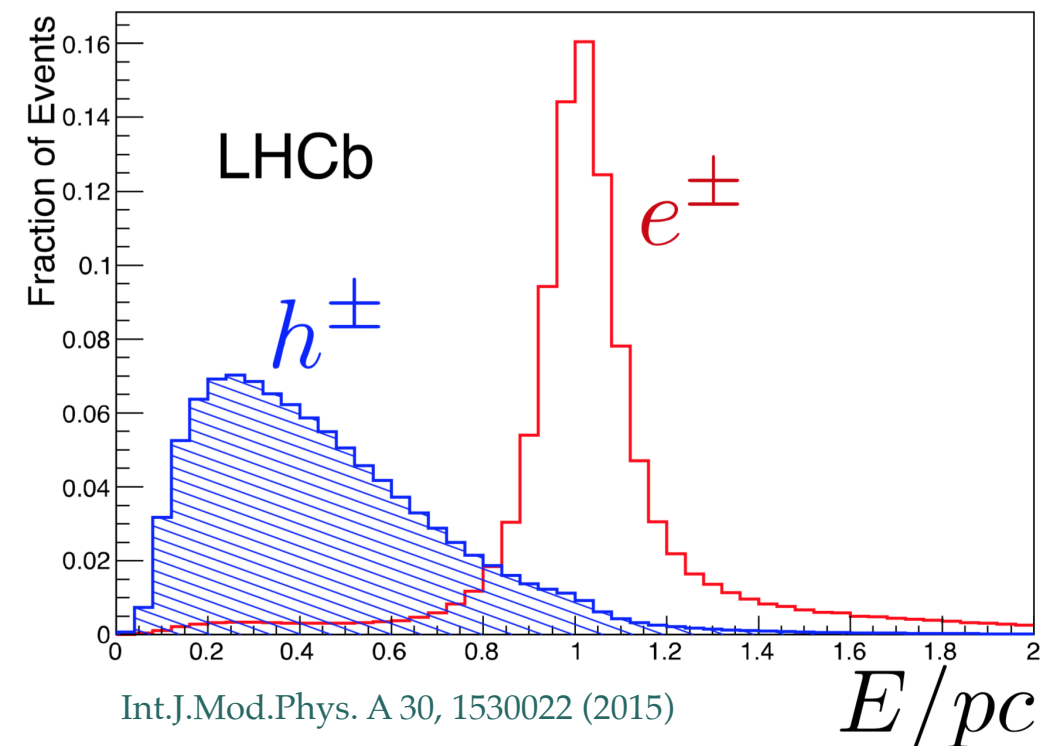
$$\frac{N(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{N(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)} \simeq 3$$

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## Hardware trigger at LHCb:

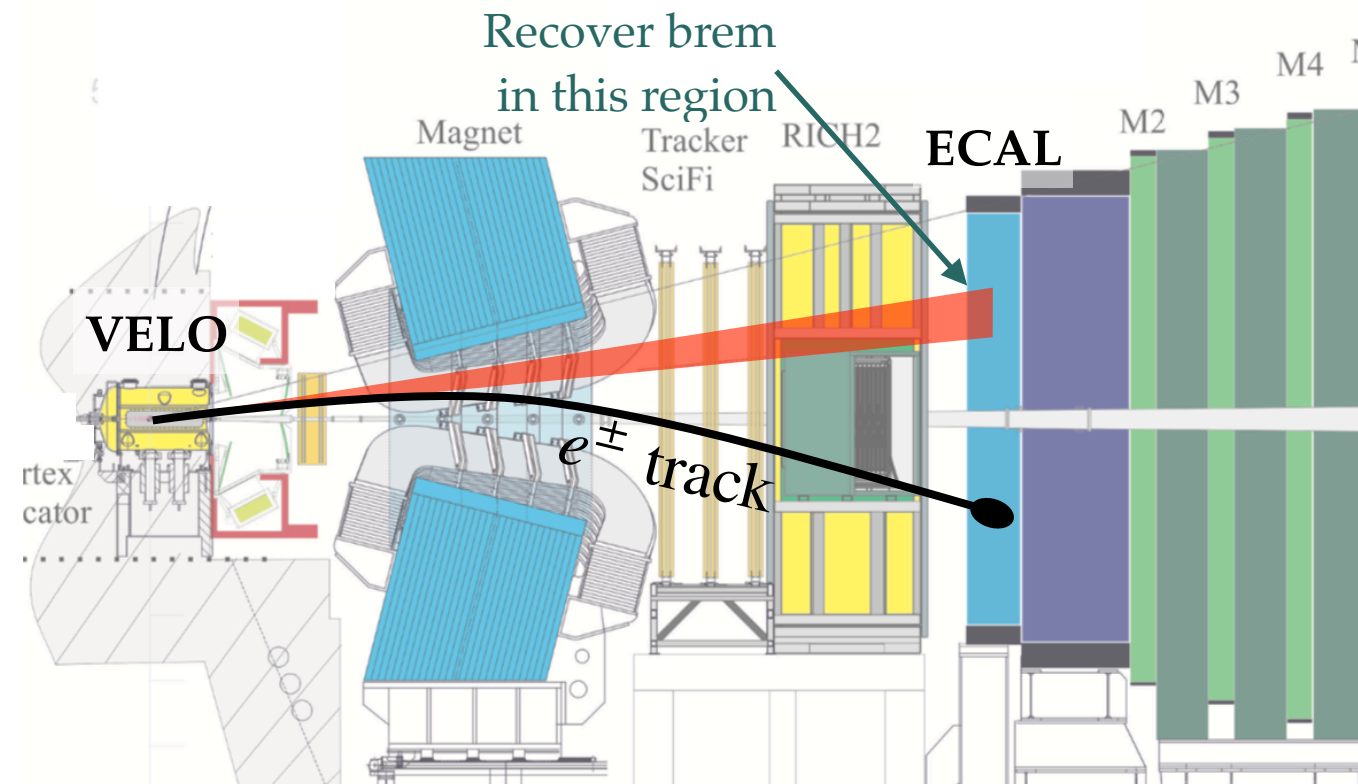
- $p_T(\mu^\pm) > 1.5 - 1.8$  GeV
- $E_T(e^\pm) > 2.5 - 3.0$  GeV

## Electron ID at LHCb

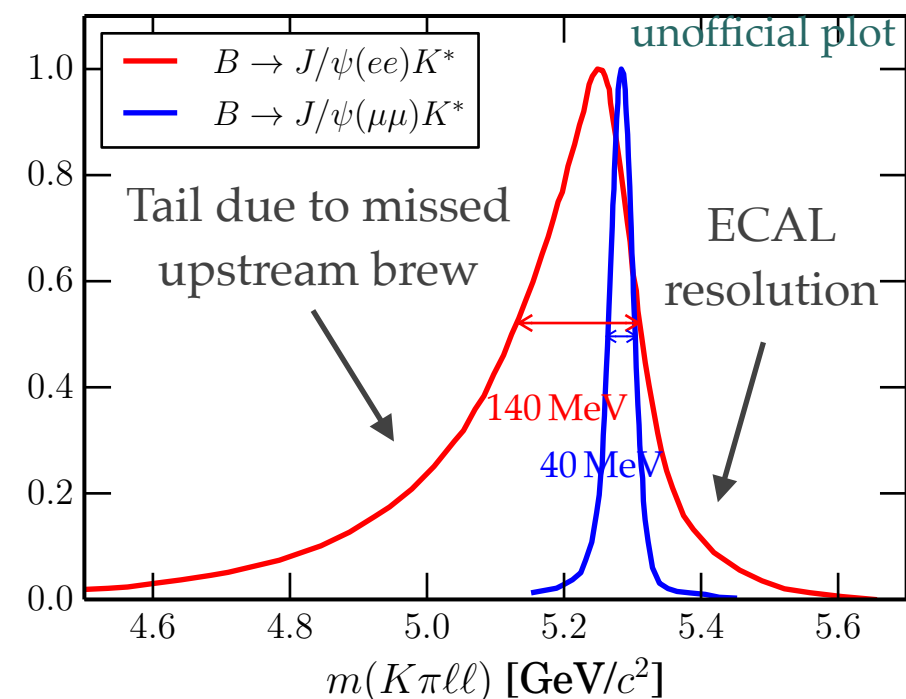


# $e^+e^-$ at LHCb: Bremsstrahlung

- Boosted  $B$  from LHC collision
  - Most electrons emit hard **bremsstrahlung** photon
  - If emitted **before the magnet** it affects the momentum measurement
- Brem-recovery algorithm searches for compatible deposits in the calorimeter
  - Recovery efficiency is limited (but well reproduced in simulation)
  - **ECAL resolution** is worse than spectrometer (1-2% vs 0.5%)

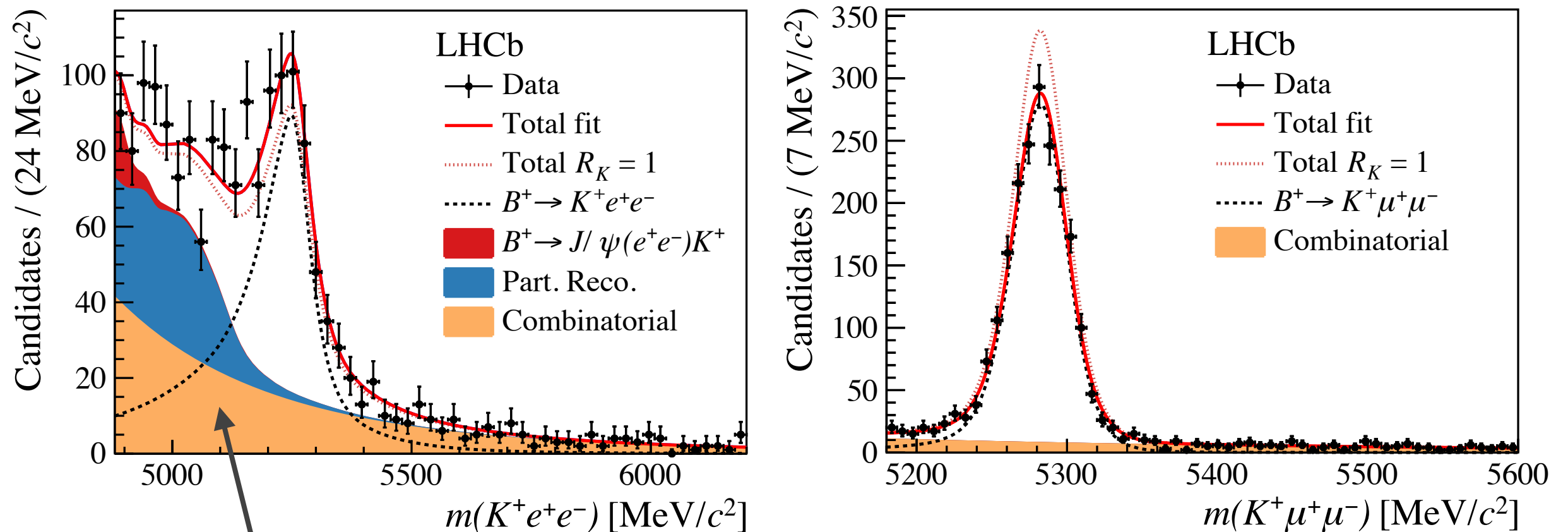


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# $e^+e^-$ at LHCb: Resolution

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- Background with missing pion due to mass resolution
- Combinatorial background is larger (many electrons)
- Signal mass shape controlled with  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  channel

# $e^+e^-$ at LHCb: Modelling

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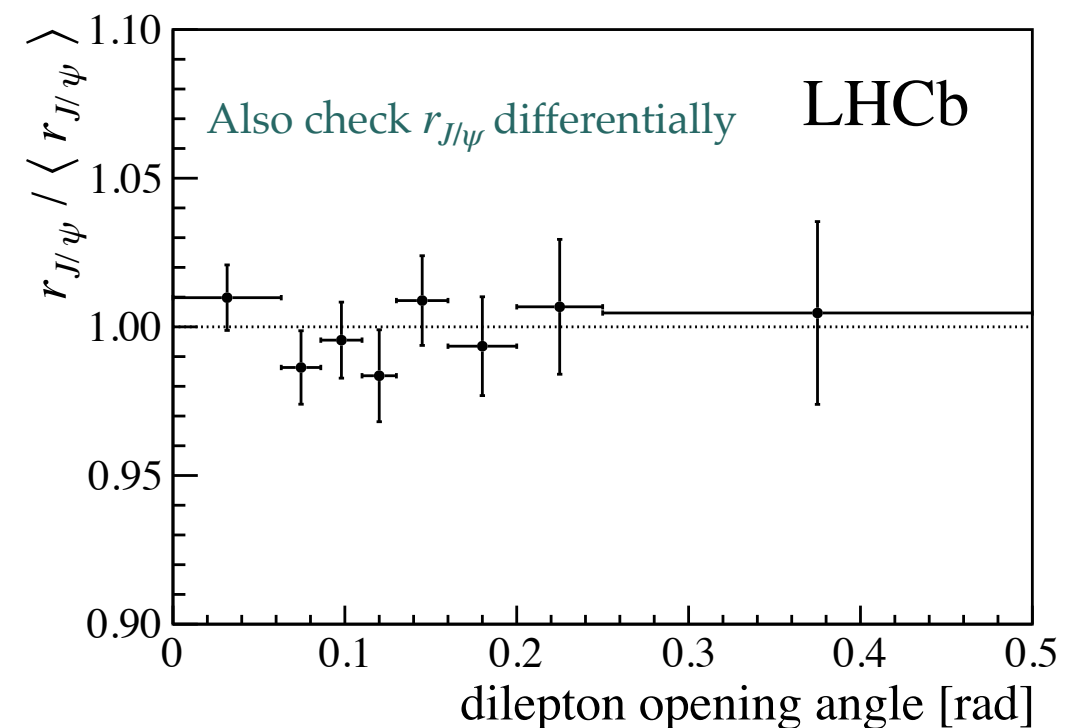
- Use **double ratio**:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}_K &= \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi (\mu^+ \mu^-))} \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi (e^+ e^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)} = \\ &= \frac{N_{K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-}}{N_{K^+ J/\psi (\mu^+ \mu^-)}} \frac{N_{K^+ J/\psi (e^+ e^-)}}{N_{K^+ e^+ e^-}} \boxed{\frac{\epsilon_{K^+ J/\psi (\mu^+ \mu^-)}}{\epsilon_{K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-}}} \boxed{\frac{\epsilon_{K^+ e^+ e^-}}{\epsilon_{K^+ J/\psi (e^+ e^-)}}} \\ &\quad \rightarrow \text{cancel systematics}\end{aligned}$$

- **Crosschecks** universality of QCD in  $c\bar{c}$  resonances

$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{B(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^+)}{B(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-) K^+)} = 1.014 \pm 0.035$$

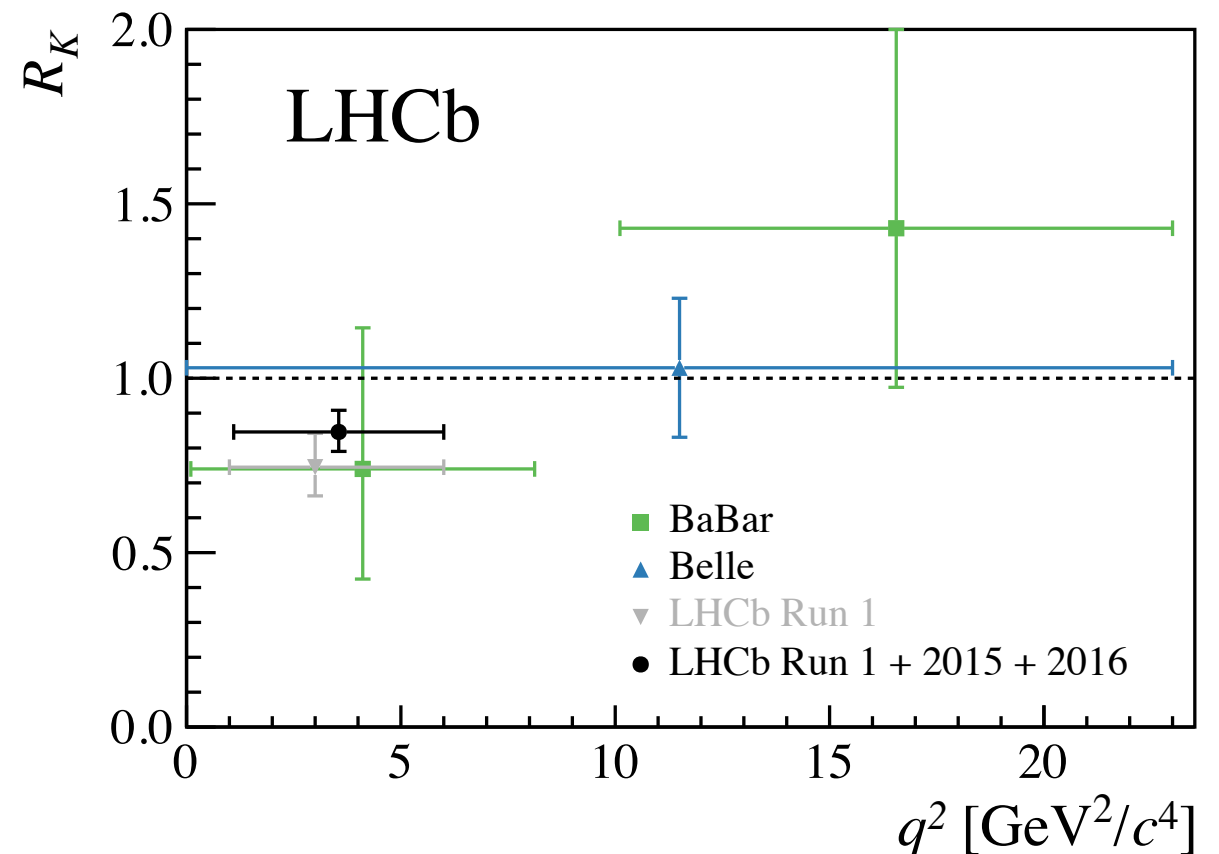
- Can also test that  $R_K$  measured at the  $\psi(2S)$  is 1  
→ checked with 1.3% precision



# $R_K$ result

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- Measured with 2011-2016 dataset (5/fb at  $\sqrt{s}=7, 8$  and 13 TeV)
- Measured central  $q^2$  region [1-6]  $\text{GeV}^2$
- Yield of  $\sim 766$   $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$  events (vs  $\sim 1943$  in  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ ) driving the total uncertainty:
  - 7% statistical error vs 2% systematic
- $R_K$  is found to be lower than 1 by  $\sim 15\%$ 
  - Still compatible with the SM at  $2.5\sigma$  level



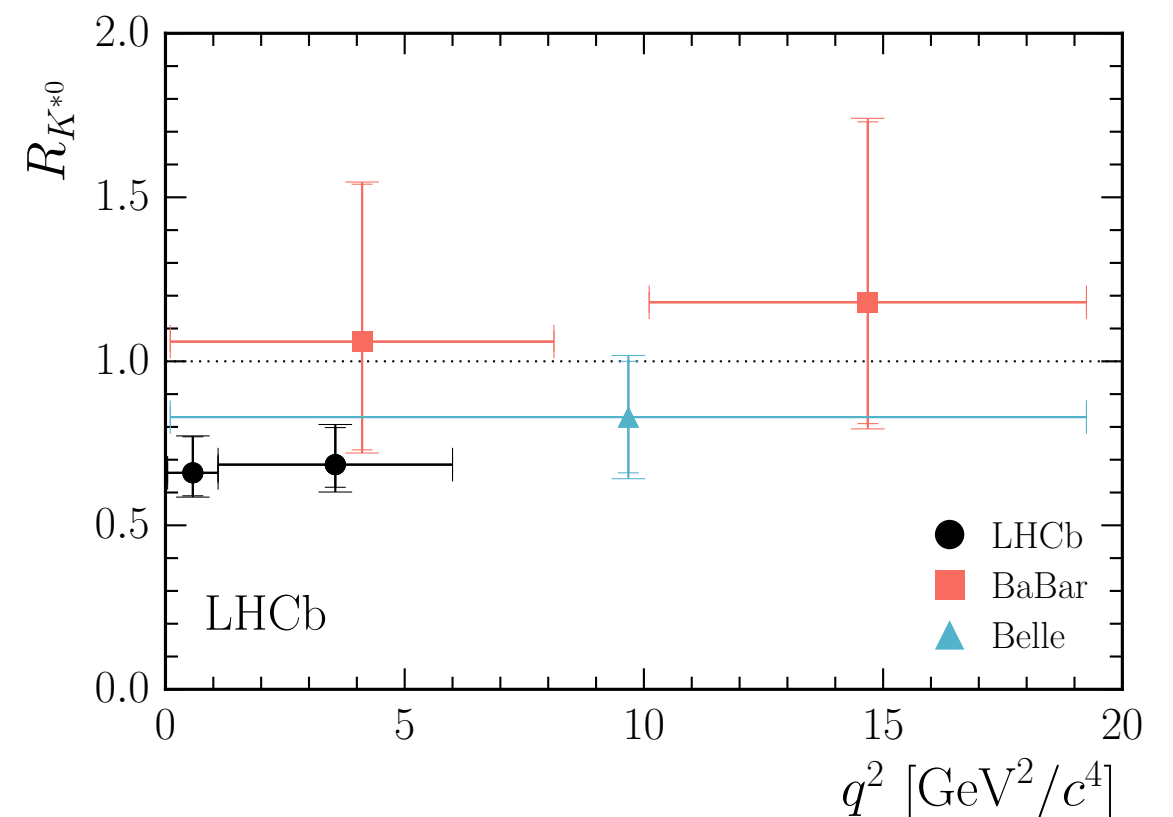
$$R_K = 0.846^{+0.060}_{-0.054} + {}^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$$

# $R_{K^*}$ result

LHCb, JHEP 08 (2017) 055

$$R_{K^{*0}} = \begin{cases} 0.66 \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.11} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.03 (\text{syst}) & \text{for } 0.045 < q^2 < 1.1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 \\ 0.69 \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.11} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.05 (\text{syst}) & \text{for } 1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 \end{cases}$$

- Similar deviation was observed in  $R_{K^*}$  using Run 1 data
- Precision of  $\sim 17\%$  in both bins, statistically dominated
- Upcoming Run 1 + Run 2 update expected to reduce uncertainty by factor  $\sim 2$

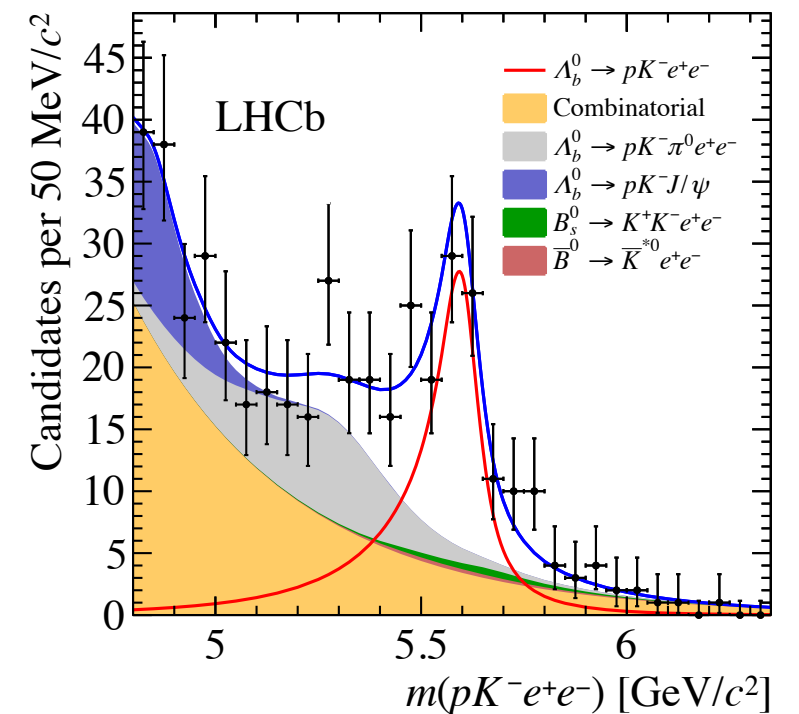
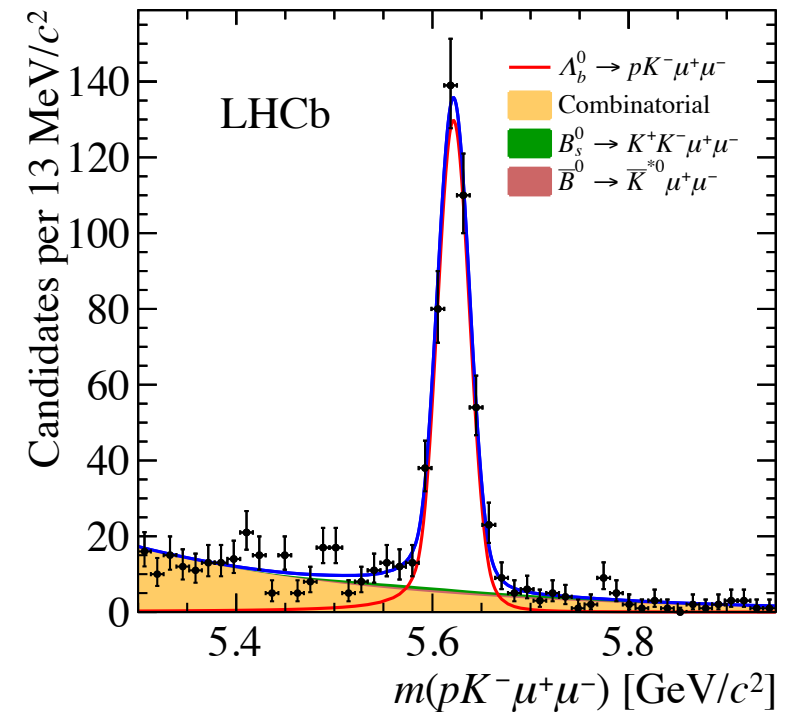


# LU test in baryons

LHCb, JHEP 05 (2020) 040

- New test of LU in  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- \ell^+ \ell^-$ 
  - Using Run 1 + 2016 dataset (4.7/fb)
- Similar physics as  $R_K$  and
  - Different final state and selection
  - Different backgrounds and systematic uncertainties
- Crosscheck using  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- J/\psi$
- Measured phase space region:
  - $m(pK^-) > 2.6 \text{ GeV}$
  - $0.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$R_{pK} |_{0.1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4} = 0.86_{-0.11}^{+0.14} \pm 0.05$$





# A coherent pattern?

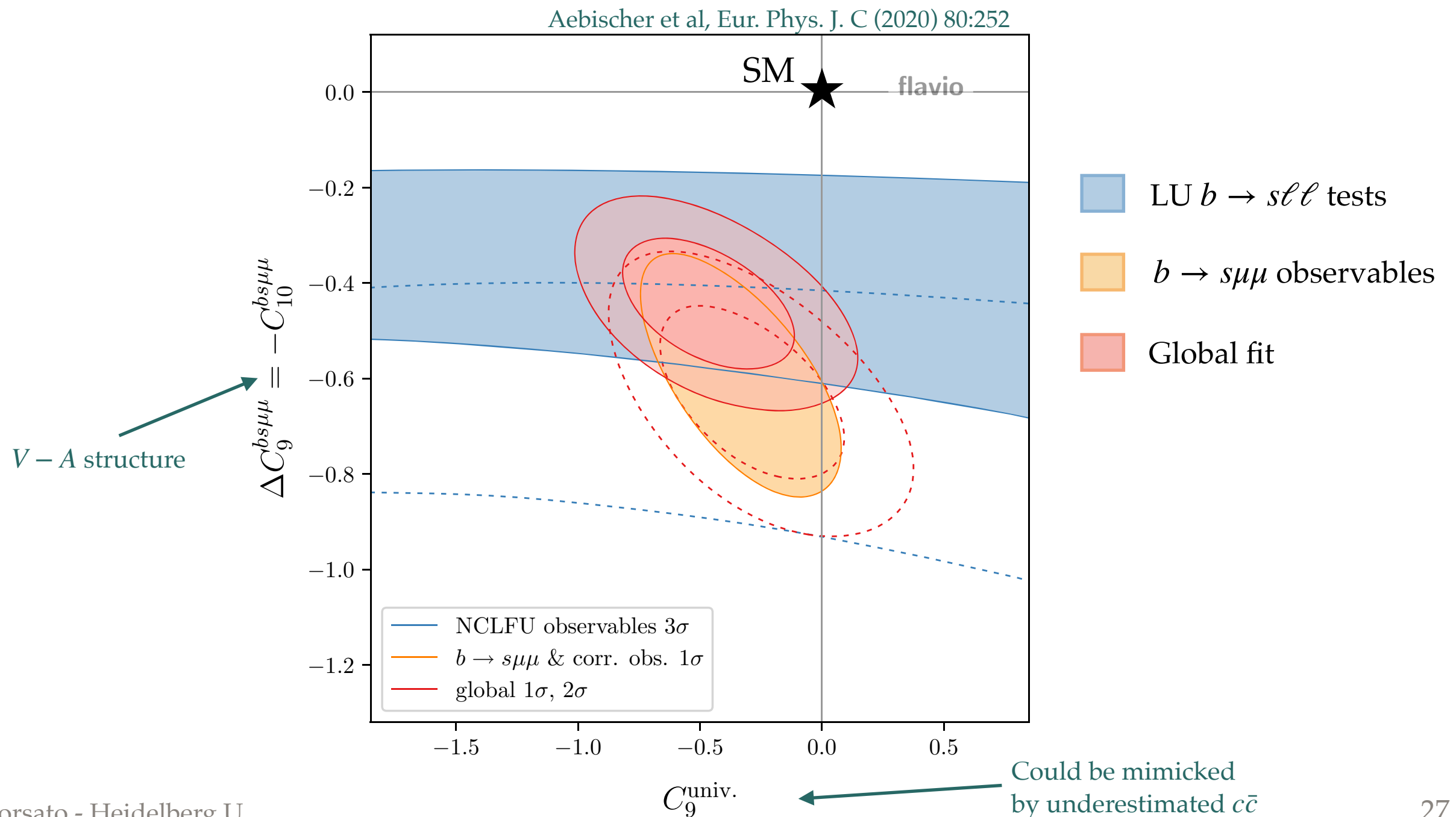
- LU deviations (theoretically clean) are consistent with  $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$  BR and angular analyses if NP only in  $\mu$

Coeff.	Best fit	$1\sigma$	$2\sigma$	Pull
$C_9^{bs\mu\mu}$	-0.97	$[-1.12, -0.81]$	$[-1.27, -0.65]$	$5.9\sigma$
$C_9'^{bs\mu\mu}$	+0.14	$[-0.03, +0.32]$	$[-0.20, +0.51]$	$0.8\sigma$
$C_{10}^{bs\mu\mu}$	+0.75	$[+0.62, +0.89]$	$[+0.48, +1.03]$	$5.7\sigma$
$C_{10}'^{bs\mu\mu}$	-0.24	$[-0.36, -0.12]$	$[-0.49, +0.00]$	$2.0\sigma$
$C_9^{bs\mu\mu} = C_{10}^{bs\mu\mu}$	+0.20	$[+0.06, +0.36]$	$[-0.09, +0.52]$	$1.4\sigma$
$C_9^{bs\mu\mu} = -C_{10}^{bs\mu\mu}$	-0.53	$[-0.61, -0.45]$	$[-0.69, -0.37]$	$6.6\sigma$
$C_9^{bsee}$	+0.93	$[+0.66, +1.17]$	$[+0.40, +1.42]$	$3.5\sigma$
$C_9'^{bsee}$	+0.39	$[+0.05, +0.65]$	$[-0.27, +0.95]$	$1.2\sigma$
$C_{10}^{bsee}$	-0.83	$[-1.05, -0.60]$	$[-1.28, -0.37]$	$3.6\sigma$
$C_{10}'^{bsee}$	-0.27	$[-0.57, -0.02]$	$[-0.84, +0.26]$	$1.1\sigma$
$C_9^{bsee} = C_{10}^{bsee}$	-1.49	$[-1.79, -1.18]$	$[-2.05, -0.79]$	$3.2\sigma$
$C_9^{bsee} = -C_{10}^{bsee}$	+0.47	$[+0.33, +0.59]$	$[+0.20, +0.73]$	$3.5\sigma$
$(C_S^{bs\mu\mu} = -C_P^{bs\mu\mu}) \times \text{GeV}$	-0.006	$[-0.009, -0.003]$	$[-0.014, -0.001]$	$2.8\sigma$
$(C_S'^{bs\mu\mu} = C_P'^{bs\mu\mu}) \times \text{GeV}$	-0.006	$[-0.009, -0.003]$	$[-0.014, -0.001]$	$2.8\sigma$

Aebischer et al, Eur. Phys. J. C (2020) 80:252

# A coherent pattern?

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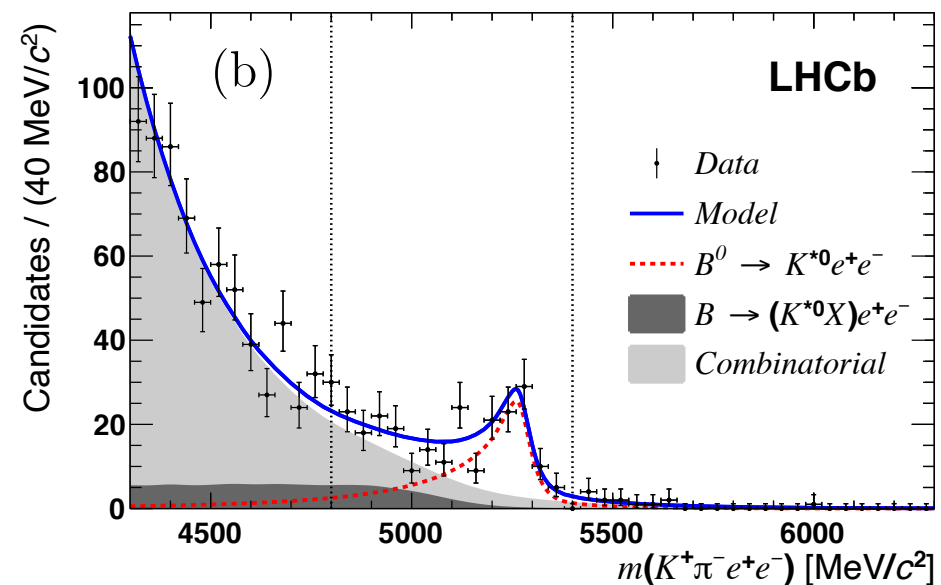


# *Prospects*

# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$ angular analysis

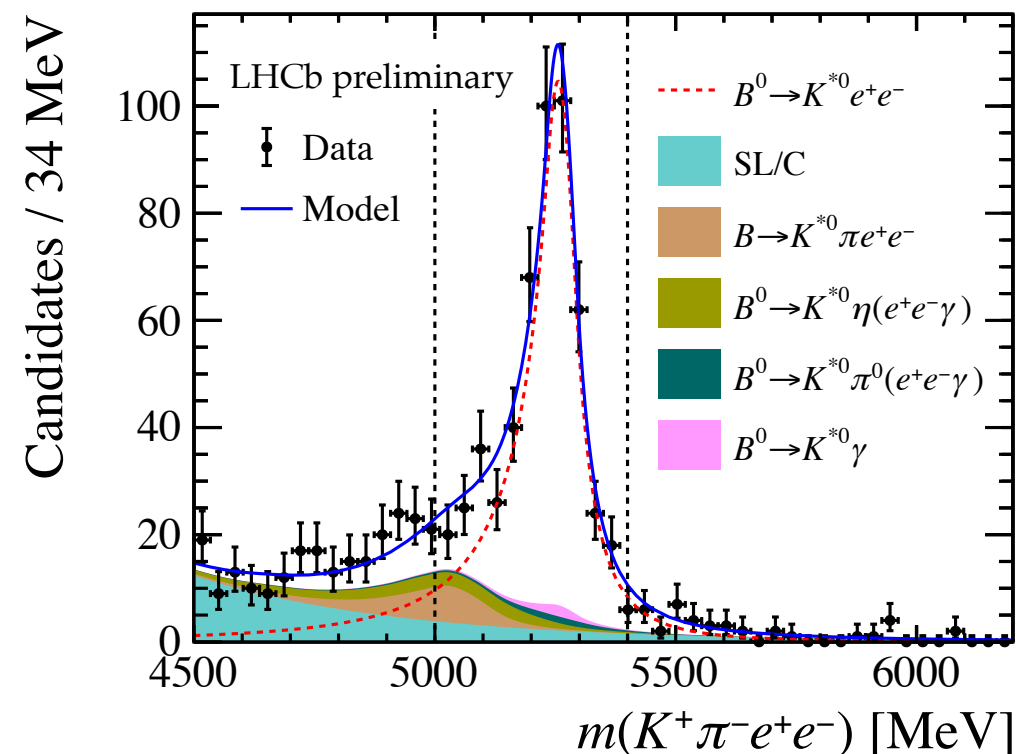
- Angular analysis at very low  $q^2$ 
  - Aim is to measure  $b \rightarrow s\gamma^*$
  - No sensitivity to Lepton Universality
  - Lower background made analysis possible already in Run 1
- New Run 2 analysis showcases the great improvements in the LHCb analyses of  $b \rightarrow see$
- Next step is to extend the analysis to higher  $q^2$  values and compare to muons

Run 1



LHCb, JHEP 04 (2015) 064

Run 1+2

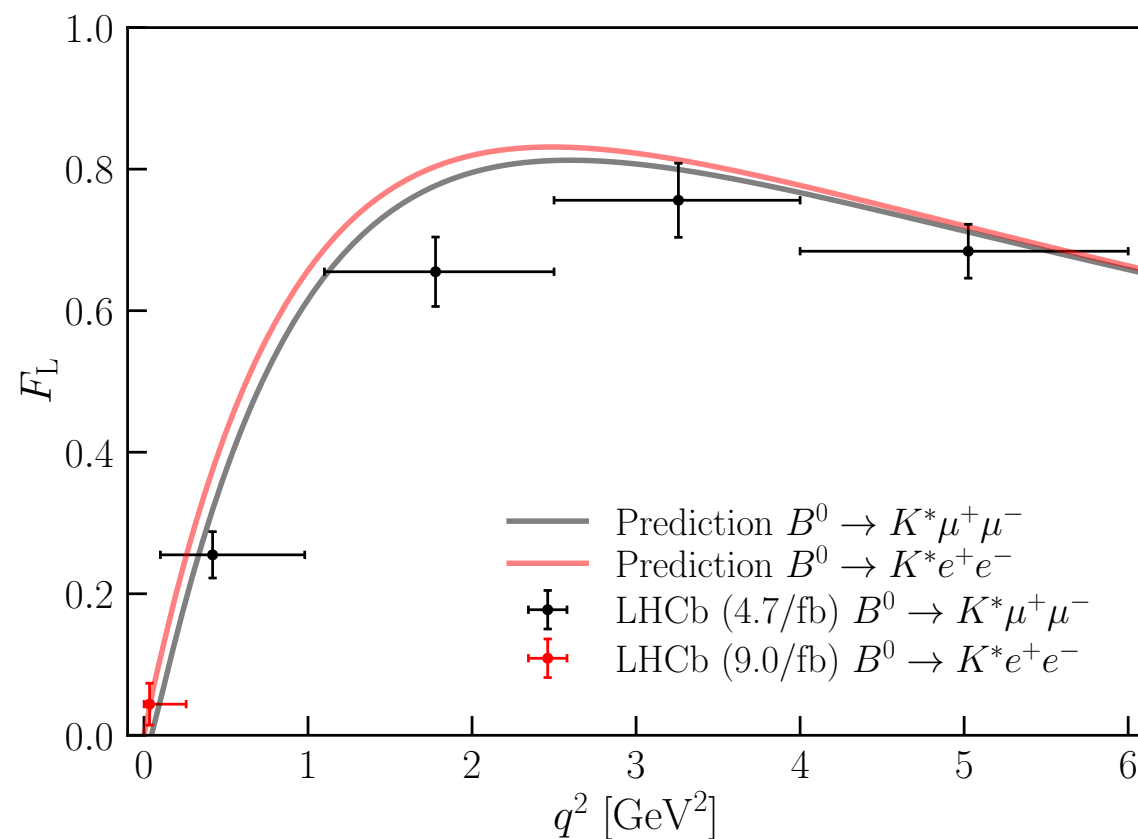


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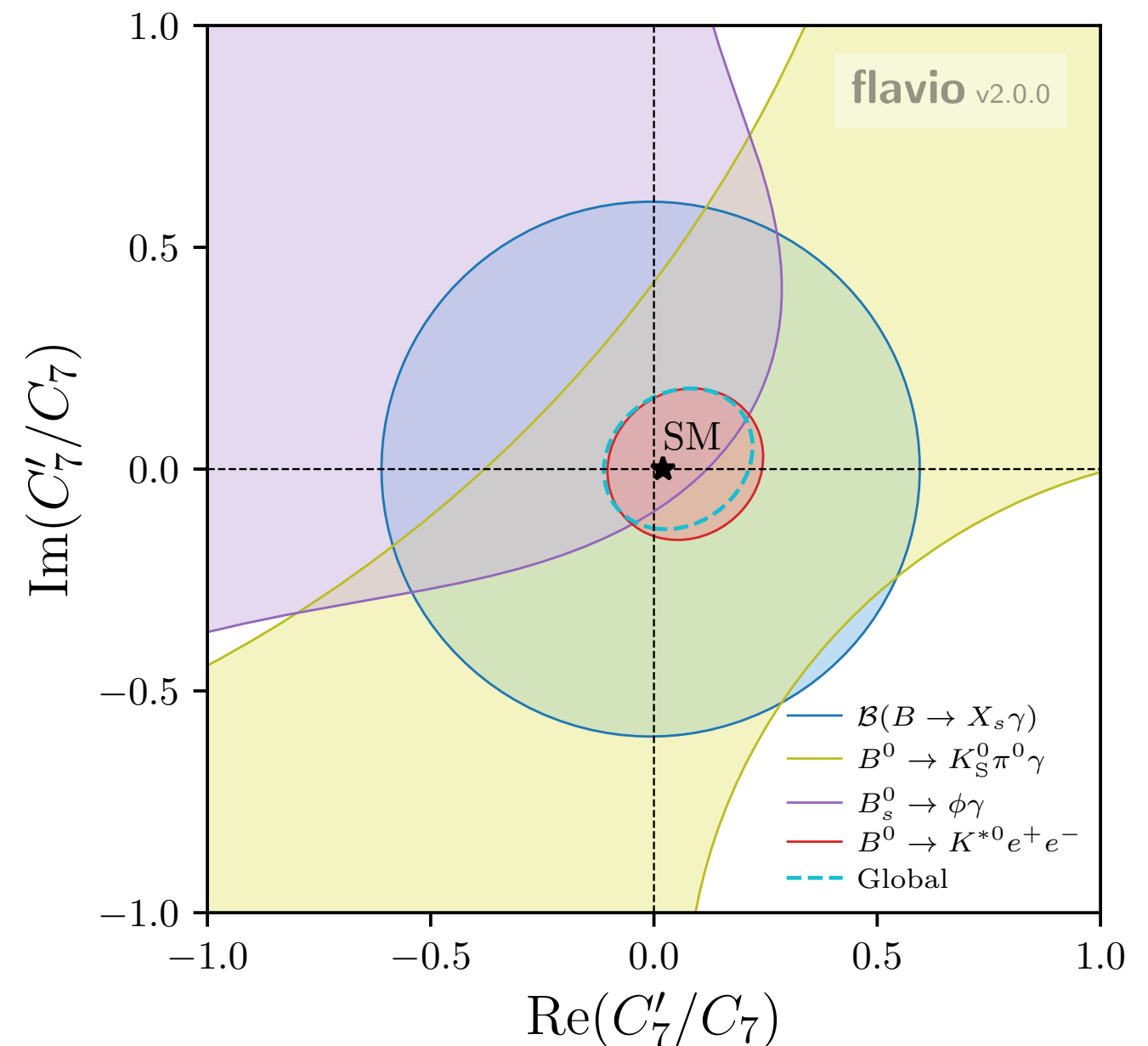
# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$ angular analysis

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Measurement of  $b \rightarrow see$  angular observables at very low  $q^2$  (**red point**)



Most precise measurement (**red area**) of  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  photon polarisation



# Upcoming Run 2 analyses

## Prospects for muons

- Updates with full Run 2:
  - $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$
- New analyses:
  - $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - Search for  $B \rightarrow K^* \tau^+ \tau^-$

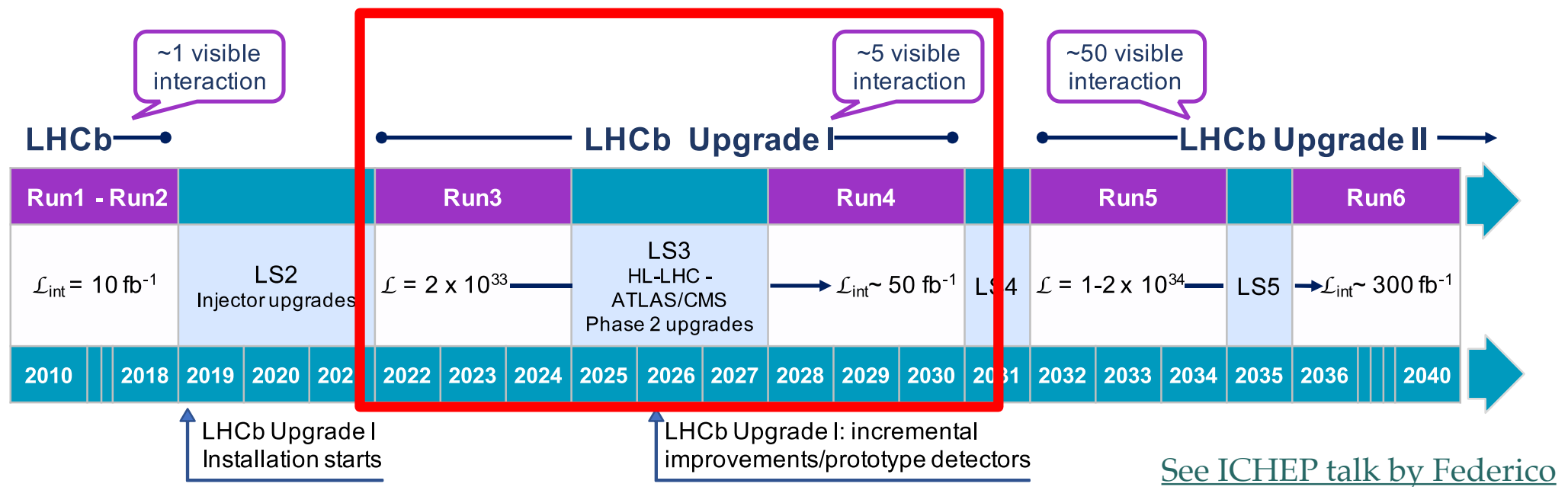
## Prospects for LU tests

$R_X$ precision	$9\text{fb}^{-1}$
$R_K$	0.043
$R_{K^{*0}}$	0.052
$R_\phi$	0.130
$R_{pK}$	0.105
$R_\pi$	0.302

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- Also several LFV searches ( $e^+ \mu^-$ ,  $\mu^+ \tau^-$ )

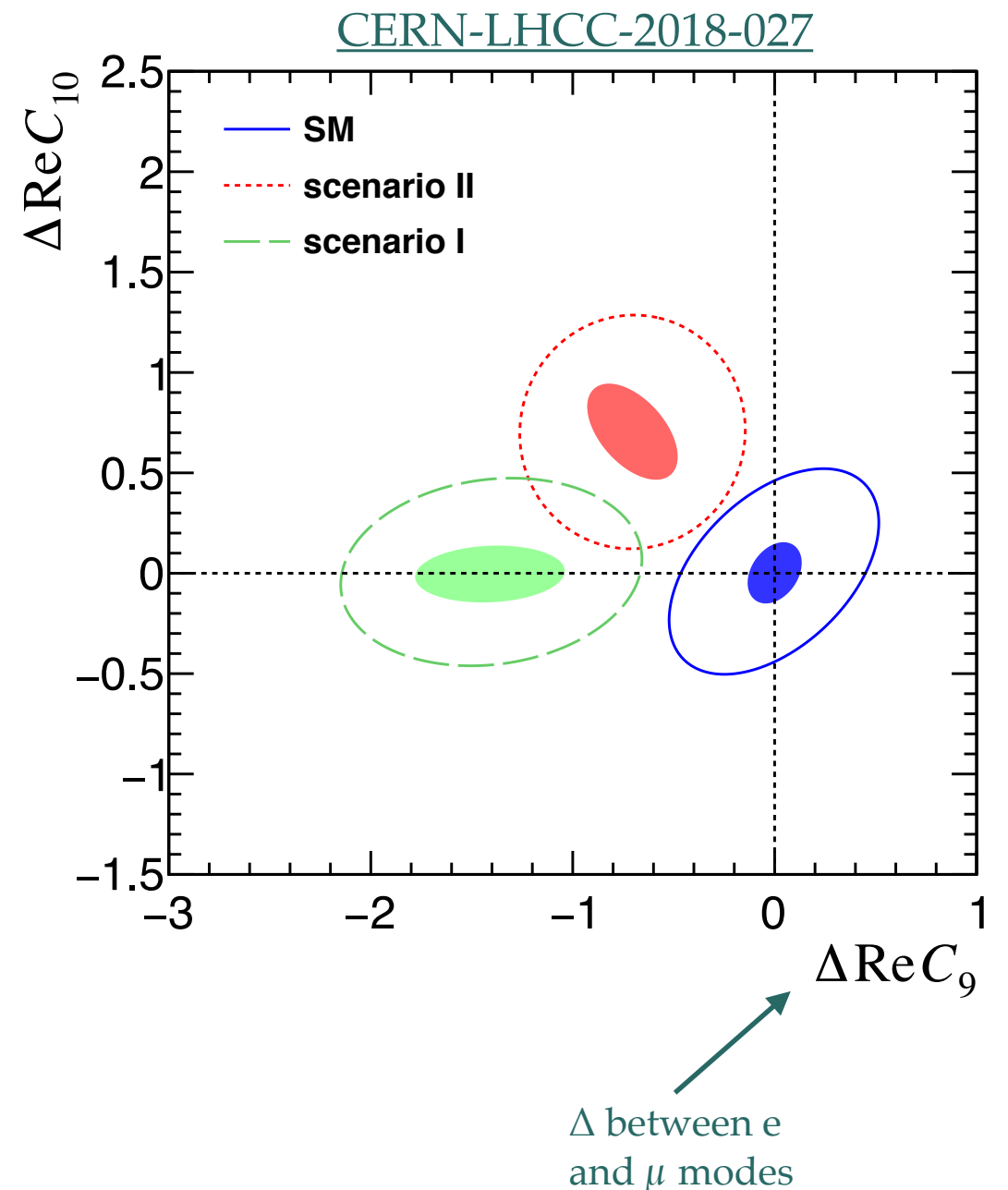
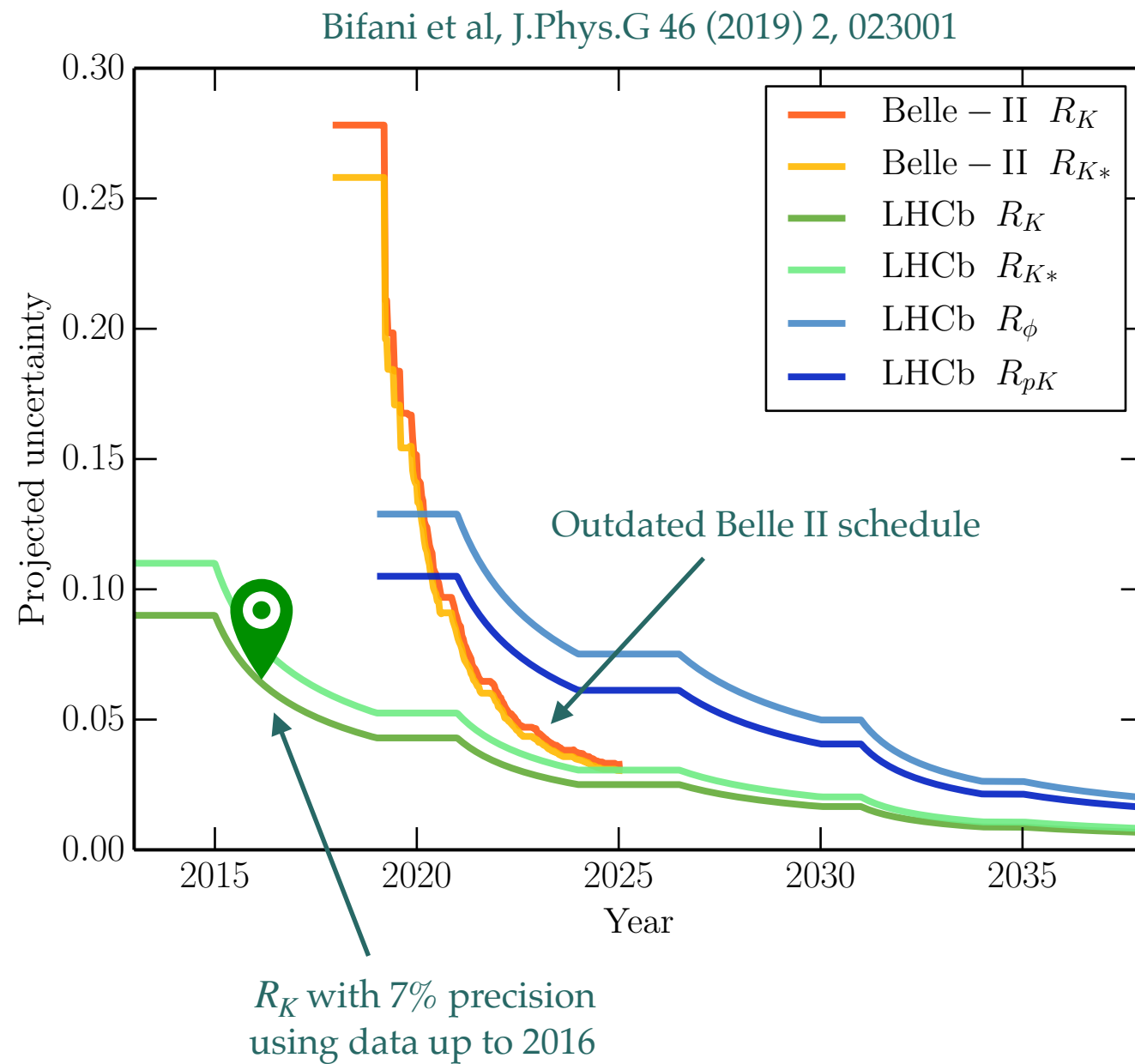
# LHCb upgrade



- Preparing upgrade for LHC Run 3 and 4
  - Higher luminosity → collect 50/fb by the end of Run 4
  - Upgrade to maintain performance and improve trigger capabilities
- Upgraded LHCb detector:
  - More precise vertexing and tracking systems
  - Completely new readout system: throughput of 32 Tbps
  - Full software trigger on 500 modern GPUs



# Prospects for LU tests precision



# Summary

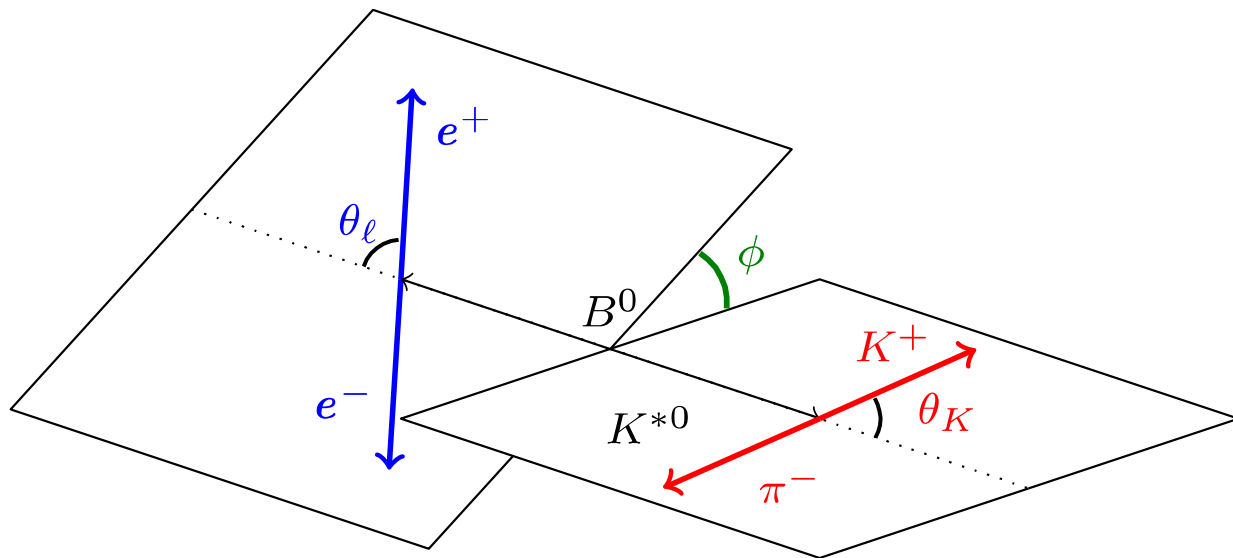
- Anomalies in the  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  sector are still interesting
  - Are we seeing a coherent pattern of anomalies?
- More data needed to solve the puzzle
  - Upcoming analyses of Run 2 data (on tape)
  - Upcoming LHCb upgrade (starting data-taking in 2021)
  - Other experiments: Belle II, CMS, ATLAS
- Stay tuned for new results

*BACKUP*

# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$ : Angular analysis



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- Folding  $\phi$  angle to simplify the 3D angular expression:

$$\tilde{\phi} \equiv \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } \phi \geq 0 \\ \phi + \pi & \text{if } \phi < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^4(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{dq^2 d\cos\theta_\ell d\cos\theta_K d\tilde{\phi}} = \frac{9}{16\pi} \left[ \frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell \right. \\ \left. + (1 - F_L) A_T^{\text{Re}} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2}(1 - F_L) A_T^{(2)} \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\tilde{\phi} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2}(1 - F_L) A_T^{\text{Im}} \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\tilde{\phi} \right].$$

$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \gamma$  photon polarisation:

$$A_{\text{R(L)}} \equiv |A_{\text{R(L)}}| e^{i\phi_{\text{R(L)}}}, \quad \tan \chi \equiv |A_{\text{R}}/A_{\text{L}}|$$

$$A_T^{(2)} \simeq \sin(2\chi) \cos(\phi_L - \phi_R),$$

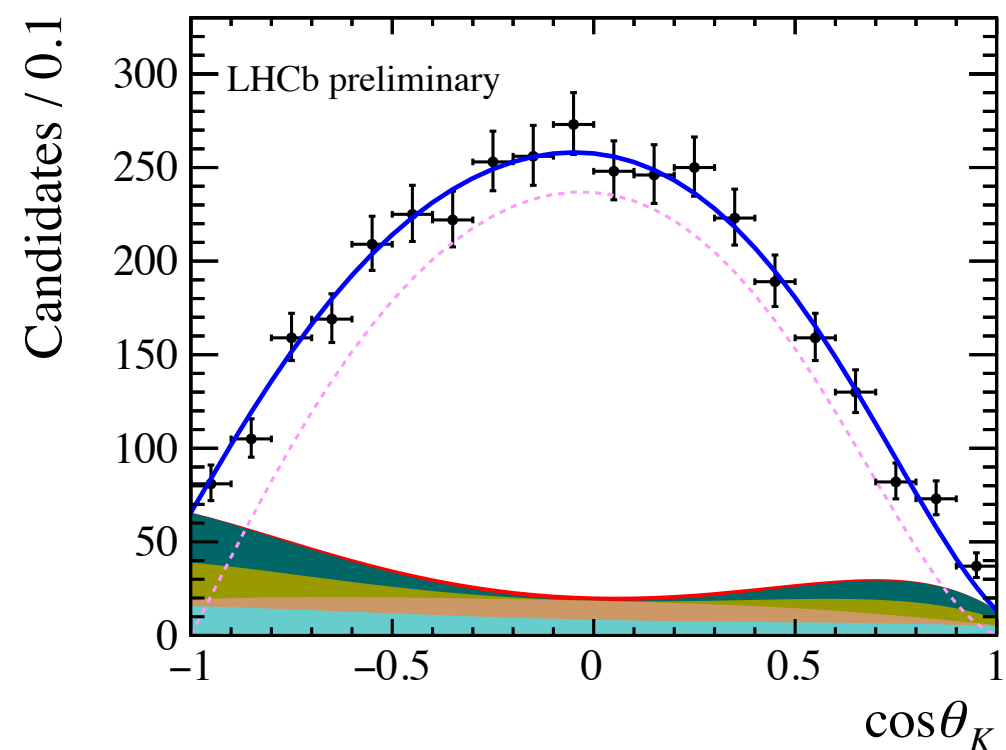
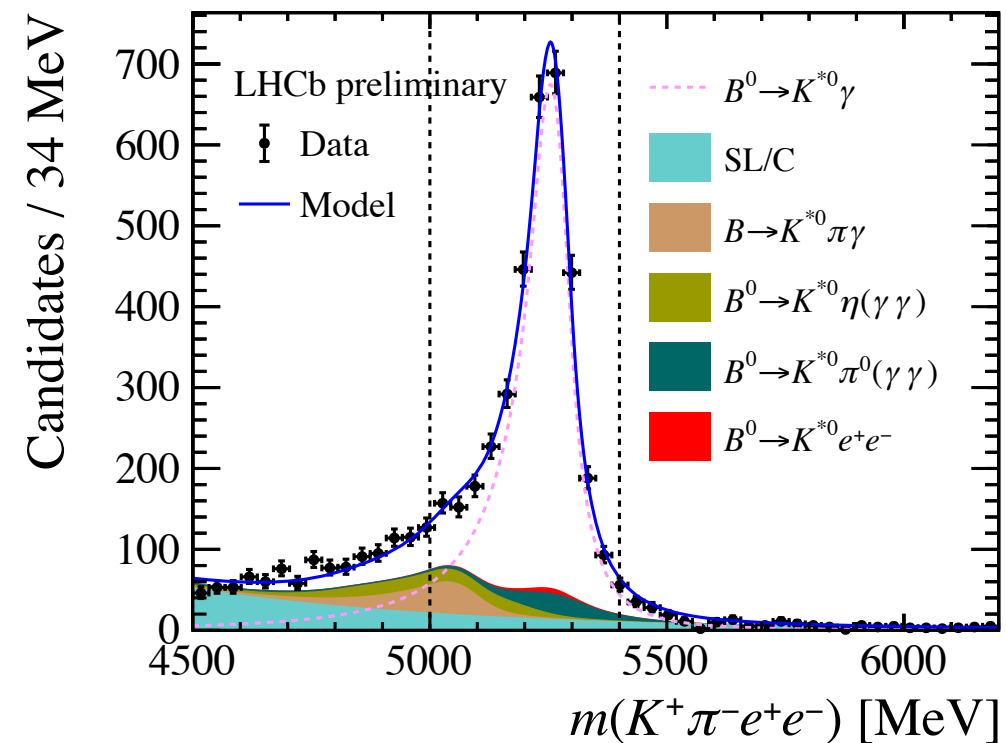
$$A_T^{\text{Im}} \simeq \sin(2\chi) \sin(\phi_L - \phi_R),$$

# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$ : Control channel



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- $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \gamma$  has much larger BR
  - Same final state as  $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$  when  $\gamma$  converts to  $e^+ e^-$  in the material
  - Can be well separated with material veto and cut on  $m(e^+ e^-) > 10$  MeV
- Use  $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \gamma$  as control for  $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$ 
  - Very similar signal shape and background composition to signal
  - Fit  $m(K^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-)$  distribution to validate signal fit (found 2950  $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \gamma$  candidates)
  - Fitted  $F_L$  to  $\cos \theta_K$  found to be compatible with 0 with sub-percent precision  
→ due to real  $\gamma$ , longitudinal polarisation fraction  $F_L$  is expected to be zero



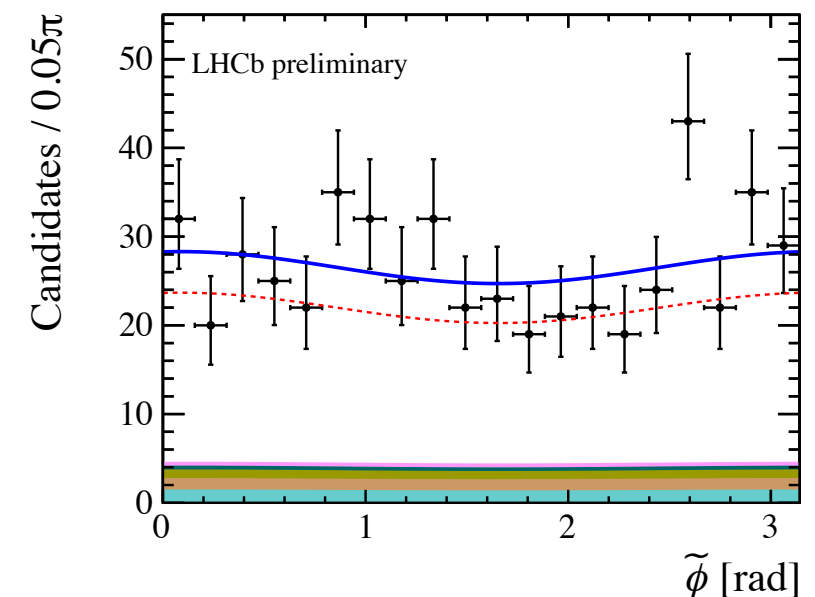
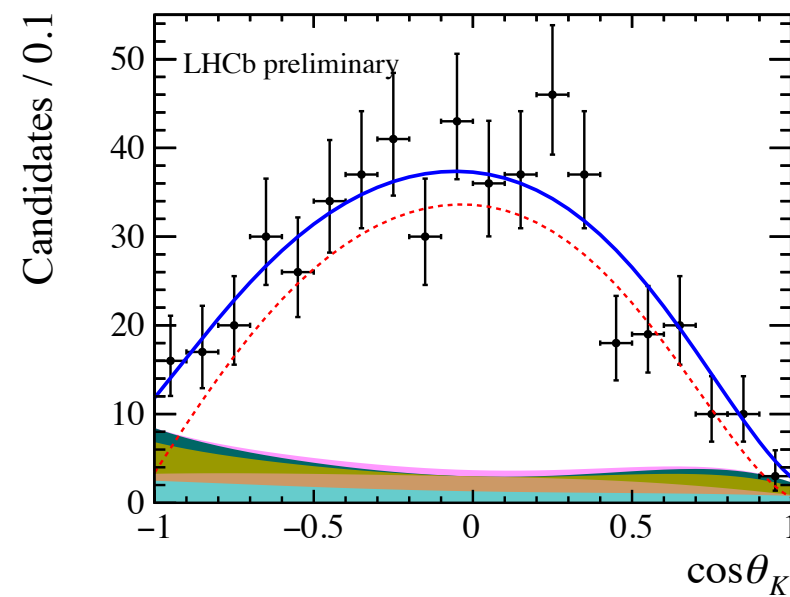
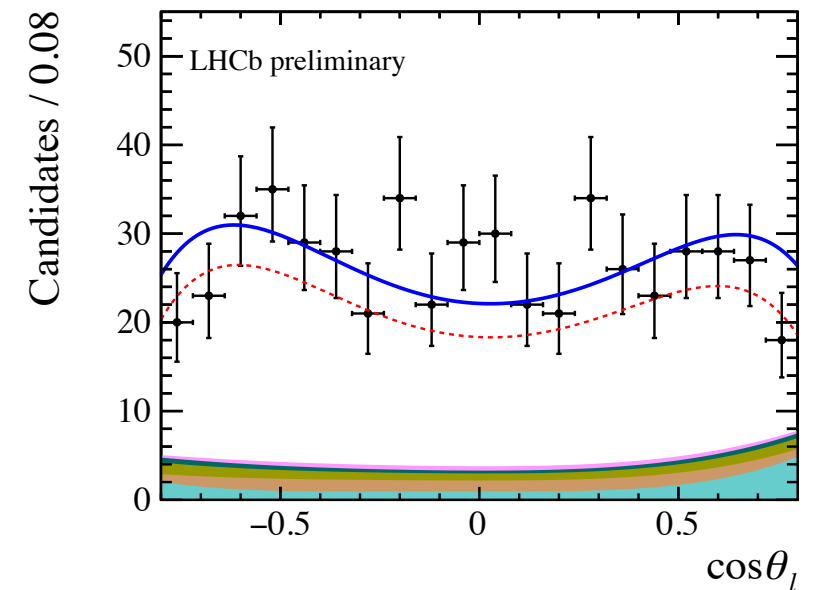
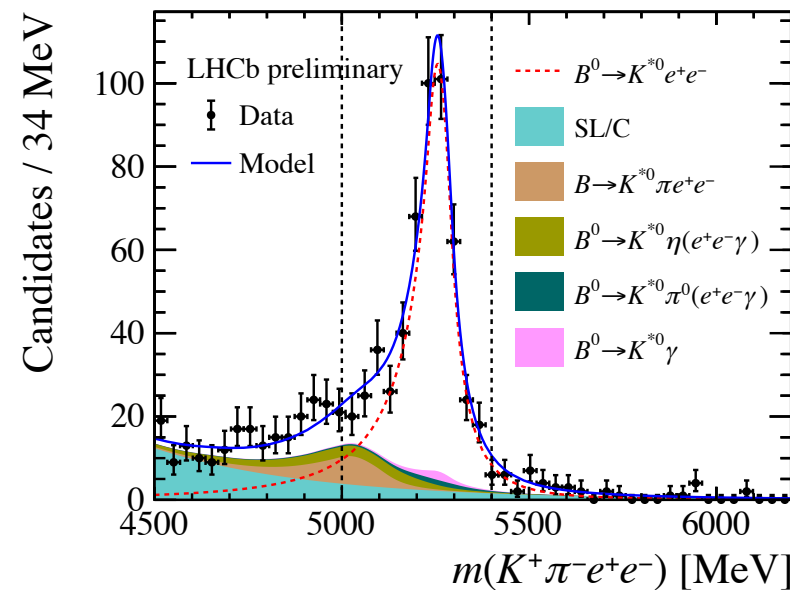
# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$ : Angular fit



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## ● Fit to $B$ mass and angles

- In reduced mass region
- Semilept+combinatorial (SL/C) modelled using  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^\pm e^\mp$  data candidates
- Other backgrounds from simulation
- Fit procedure thoroughly tested with pseudo-experiments



# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$ : Results



$(28 \text{ MeV})^2 < q^2 < 0.257 \text{ GeV}^2$

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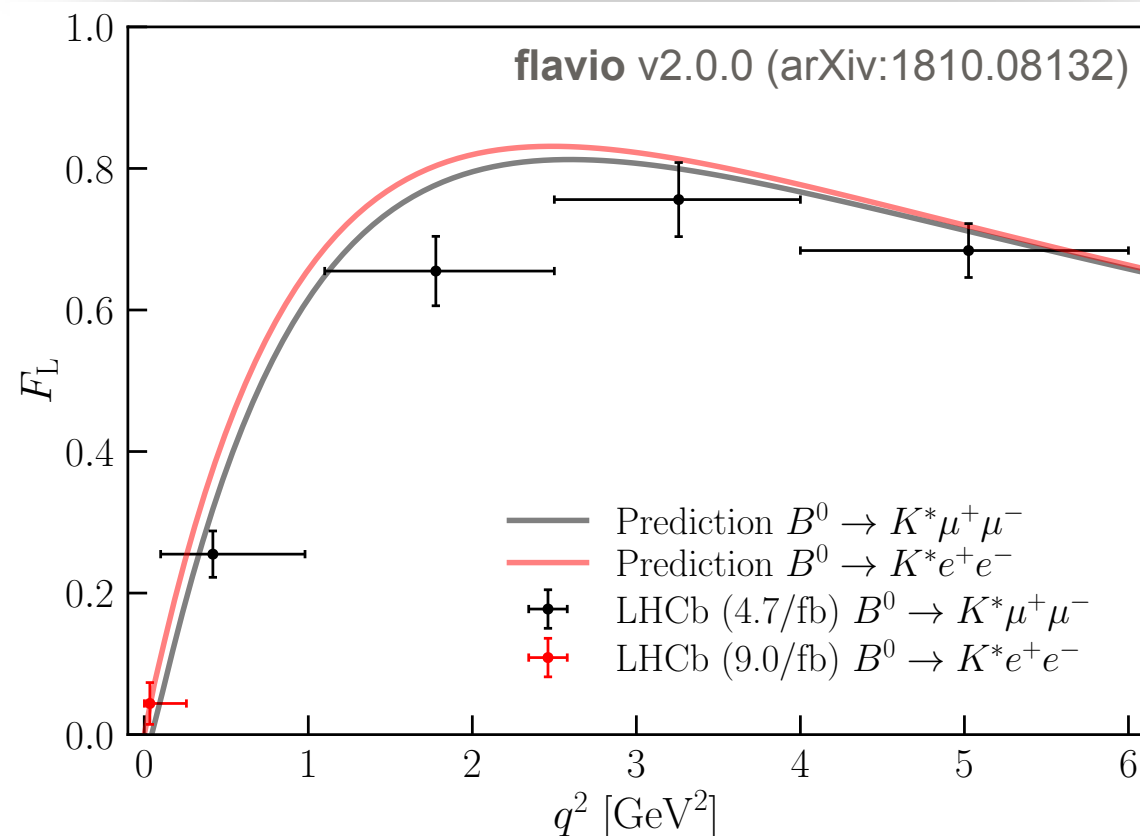
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$$F_L = 0.044 \pm 0.026 \pm 0.014$$

$$A_T^{\text{Re}} = -0.064 \pm 0.077 \pm 0.015$$

$$A_T^{(2)} = +0.106 \pm 0.103^{+0.016}_{-0.017}$$

$$A_T^{\text{Im}} = +0.015 \pm 0.102 \pm 0.012$$



LHCb, PRL 125(2020)011802

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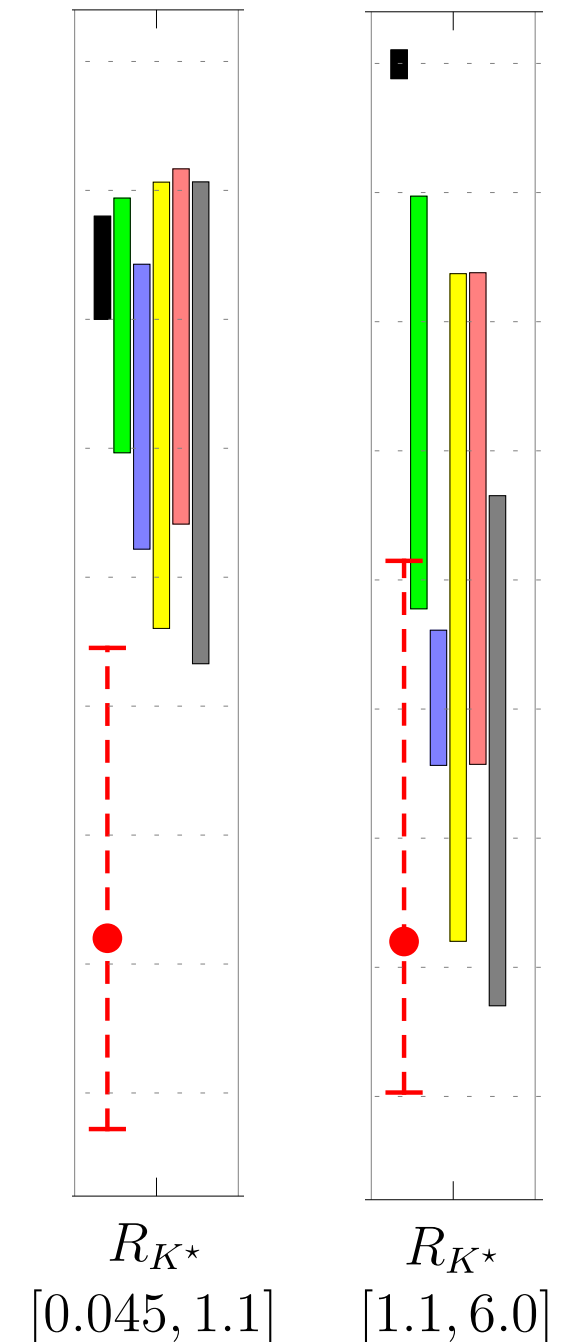
- Main systematics from signal acceptance and angular background modelling
- Statistical error still dominates
- Measurements of  $F_L$  and  $A_T^{\text{Re}} = \frac{3}{4} A_{\text{FB}}(1 - F_L)$  are also interesting in the context of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$  angular analysis anomalies (see [David's talk](#))
- The analysis prepares the ground for lepton universality tests in the angles
- $A_T^{(2)}$  and  $A_T^{\text{Im}}$  are sensitive to  $C_7'$

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# The first $R_{K^*}$ bin

B.Capdevilla et al arXiv:1704.05340

- Favoured region of  $q^2$  is [1.1-6]
- Far from photon pole and from  $J/\psi$  tail
- Sensitive to New Physics in  $C_9$  and  $C_{10}$
- Thanks to photon pole the  $[4m_\mu^2 - 1.1]$  bin has enough statistics for a measurement
  - ▶ Dominated by dipole operator  $O_7$ 
    - ▶  $C_7$  already very constrained by  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$
    - ▶ Deviation pointing to underestimated systematic?
  - SM LU is broken close to threshold
  - LUV breaks cancellation of form factors





# Anomalies in $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$ (?)

- Community has critical look on  $cc$  loop mimicking NP effect in  $C_9$  (vector current)

Ciuchini et al NPPP 285–286 (2017) 45–49

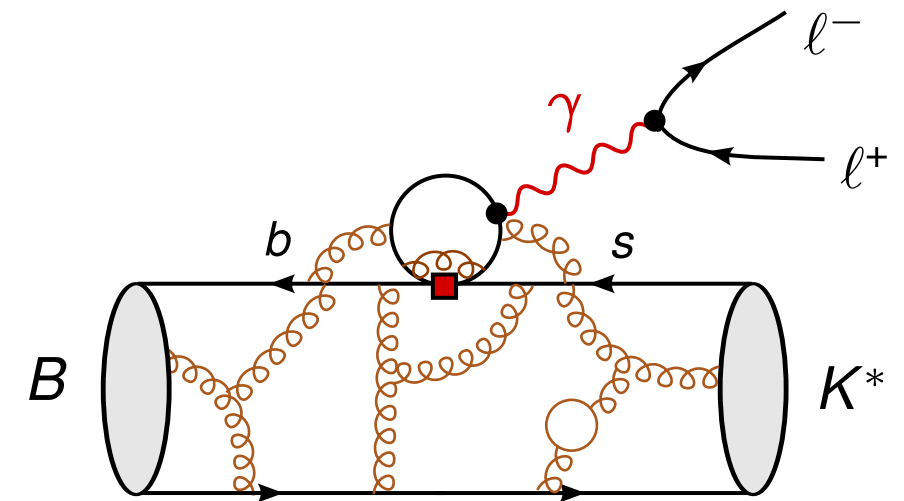
- Possible **experimental handles**:

- NP in  $C_9$  would give helicity and  $q^2$  independent effect while hadronic effects **could** be helicity and  $q^2$  dependent

W.Altmannshofer et al Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) no.6, 377

- Perform full angular analysis of  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$  including  $cc$  resonances and measure interference phases

Blake et al., arXiv:1709.03921



Global fit as a function of  $q^2$

